



July 31, 2014

Barcy F. McNeal
Chief, Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: *In the Matter of the Commission's Review of Its Rules for the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard Contained in Chapter 4901:1-40 of the Ohio Administrative Code*, Case No. 13-652-EL-ORD

Dear Ms. McNeal:

On June 13, 2014, the governor of the state of Ohio signed into law Substitute Senate Bill 310 ("Sub. S.B. 310"). Among other things, Sub. S.B. 310 eliminates the existing requirement that electric companies purchase at least one-half of their alternative energy resources through facilities located in the state of Ohio.¹ Sub. S.B. 310 will become effective on September 12, 2014.

Because of the change in the law, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") seeks comment on how it should apply Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-40-03 to electric companies' alternative energy purchases for 2014. In an Entry issued on July 11, 2014, the PUCO established deadlines of July 31, 2014 for the filing of comments and August 12, 2014 for the filing of reply comments.

This letter is to inform the PUCO and interested persons that the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") will not file comments in response to the July 11 Entry. OCC reserves its right to file reply comments in this proceeding. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-466-7964 or at terry.etter@occ.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry L. Etter

Terry L. Etter, Counsel of Record
Assistant Consumers' Counsel

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Parties of record

¹ The current requirement is found in R.C. 4928.64(B)(3) and Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-40-03(A)(2)(a).

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Summary: Correspondence Correspondence Regarding the Filing of Comments by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel electronically filed by Ms. Deb J. Bingham on behalf of Etter, Terry L.