

## Staff Data Requests

### C. Central Ohio BioEnergy, LLC, Case No. 14-2245-EL-REN

1. For Section A, please confirm the case number in this application as 14-2245-EL-REN.  
Yes
2. For Section A, please confirm that this application for captured heat energy is associated with the renewable electric generating facility certified in case no. 11-0694-EL-REN.  
Yes
3. For Section G, please indicate which of these specific sources of thermal energy are included in this application: heat captured from a generator of electricity, boiler or heat exchanger fueled by biologically derived methane gas.  
Heat captured from a generator of electricity and heat exchangers fueled by biologically derived methane gas.
4. For Section G, is any of the thermal energy created by the system vented, and if so, (a) where does that venting occur on the process flow diagram, and (b) is the applicant proposing to exclude any vented thermal energy from its quantification of a renewable resource?  
(a) Venting or release of heat from the system through a radiator is not a regular activity on this site.  
(b) If venting occurs is excluded from quantification of a renewable resource.
5. For Section G, the application indicates that excess heat is used for process and comfort heating. Typically, what percentage of the excess heat is used for process and what percentage is used for comfort heating?  
5% comfort heating and 95% process. In warmer months when comfort heating is not required then 100% of excess heat goes to the process.
6. With regard to Section G.2 of the application submitted, please indicate the number, type, manufacturer and nameplate capacity of the generator units used at the facility. This section states that there are two generator units, yet Section I indicates one generating unit. Please clarify.  
There are two generators on site. A 1 MW Gauscor engine is fueled by biologically derived methane gas. The second CAT 350 KW generator is a natural gas unit that is an emergency back-up unit. The back-up unit is excluded from quantification of a renewable resource.
7. For Section G.2 of the application, please identify the fuel types used by the facility.  
Biologically derived methane gas.
8. For Section G.2 of the application, please describe the content (fully characterize the fuel material) and source of all specific fuel feedstocks.

9. Per the OEPA approved Sludge Management Plan, biosolids (sewage sludge), manure, foodwastes, FOG (fats, oil, & grease), energy crops, i.e., corn silage, and other organic feedstocks
10. In Section G.2, for purposes of renewable energy credit (REC) creation, is the applicant proposing to quantify thermal energy captured or thermal energy reused?  
Yes
11. Section G.2 of the application refers to the creation of carbon offsets. Describe how the facility is creating carbon offsets, how those offsets are managed, and how the carbon offsets relate to any RECs that would be sought for this facility's output.

The use of the term carbon offsets in application is confusing and should not have been used. At this facility RECs for electricity through the PUCO is the only other credit or off-set in place currently. We are applying to add RECs for thermal and CNG with PUCO.

12. Regarding Section G.3 of the application, please provide a detailed description of how heat captured by each source is going to be measured and verified, including the configuration of the meter(s), the meter types(s), and meter accuracy. What is the projected in-service date of the thermal meters? Please provide documentation.

**Thermal REC:** Engine is cooled using a heat loop which circulates Glycol-Water mixture (50%) across the plant. The flow of the glycol is **175 GPM** (Pump rating, see fig.).

$$\text{Glycol recirculation rate: } 175 \frac{\text{Gal}}{\text{min}} * 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal}$$

*Glycol recirculation rate: 1,460 lbs/min*

We have temperature sensor located in the engine which show the temperature of glycol taking waste heat from the engine. **The temperature is typically around 190° F (See fig. 1)** This glycol flows in the plant supplying heat for plant purpose (Digester heating, Floor heating, Pasteurization). **The return temperature of glycol is around 163° F (See fig. 1)**

$$\text{Heat utilized in the plant } \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{min}} = 1,460 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{min}} * (190 \text{ F} - 163 \text{ F})$$

$$\text{Heat utilized in the plant } \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{min}} = 39,808 \text{ BTU/min}$$

$$\text{Heat utilized in the plant } \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{hr}} = 39,808 \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{min}} * 60 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$\text{Heat utilized in the plant } \frac{BTU}{hr} = 2,388,499 \frac{BTU}{hr}$$

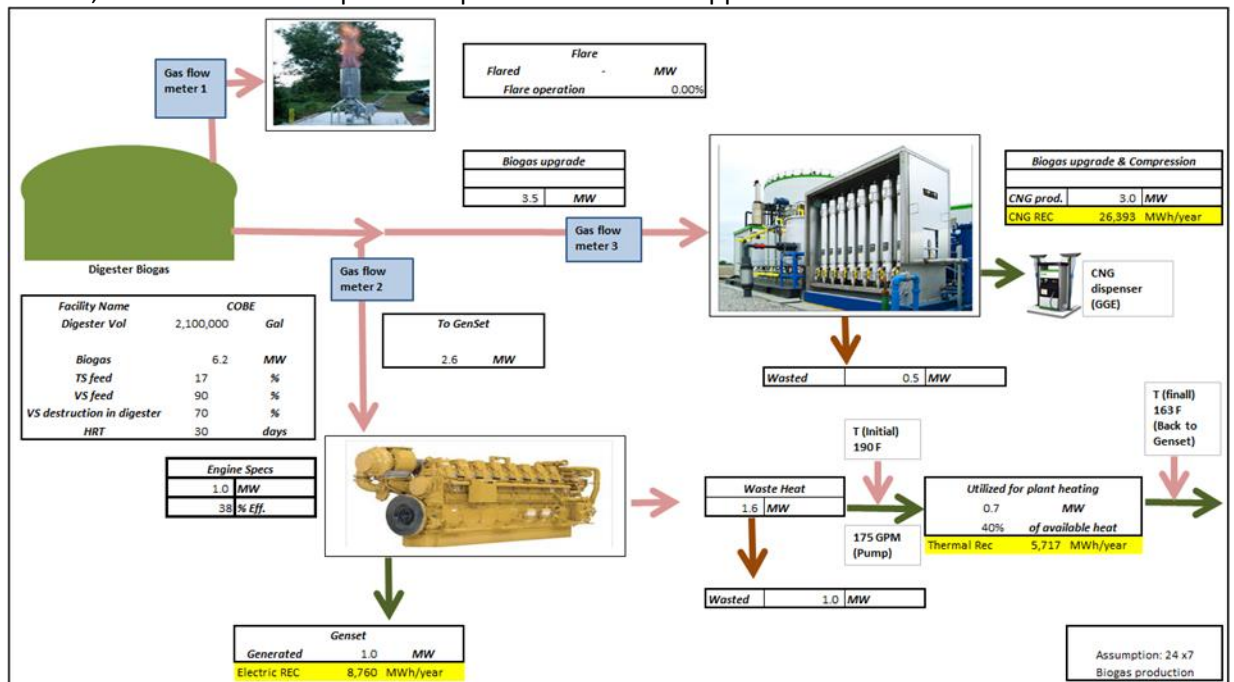
$$\text{Heat utilized in the plant } MW = 2,388,499 \frac{BTU}{hr} * \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3412142}\right) MW}{BTU} / hr$$

$$\text{Heat utilized in the plant } MW = 0.7 \text{ MW}$$

$$\text{Thermal REC } \left(\frac{MWh}{yr}\right) = 0.7 \text{ MW (Thermal utilization)} * 24 \frac{h}{day} * 365 \frac{days}{yr}$$

$$\text{Thermal REC } \left(\frac{MWh}{yr}\right) = 5,717 \text{ MWh/year}$$

13. For Section G.3 of the application, please explain the methodology used for measuring, calculating and verifying the thermal energy used in the facility.  
See response to 12 above.
14. Provide a process flow diagram which includes the proposed locations for the thermal meters, as referenced in response to question G.3. of the application.



15. For Section I of the application, please indicate the maximum amount of RECs that will be created through the generator set, heat, and biogas for this facility.

8,760 MWh/year Electric (maximum genset capacity)

5,717 MWh/year Thermal (maximum heat capture capacity)

26,393 MWh/year CNG (maximum gas upgrade system capacity)

The above values are maximum outputs based on the utilization equipment as a limiting factor. Thermal credits can only occur when electricity is being generated.

16. For Section I.1, the applicant projects thermal generation of approximately 29,000 mmBtu/yr. What numerical conversion factor is the applicant proposing in order to convert those mmBtu into a MWH equivalent for purposes of REC creation?  
5,717 MWh/year Thermal (maximum heat capture capacity) is the correct number. See response to 12 above for calculations.
17. For Section I.1, does the estimated projected gross generation 29,258 mmBtu/yr include any heat output from the boiler?  
No. No boiler is currently installed.
18. There is no photograph of the meter referenced in Section N. Please attach.

We will add: Proline Prosonic Flow B 200 Ultrasonic flowmeters. The device for accurate, reliable biogas measurement with loop-powered technology. Attached, are specifications. Accuracy is as follows:

Measured variables	Volume flow, corrected volume flow, corrected methane volume flow, energy flow, methane fraction, calorific value, temperature
Max. measured error	Volume flow (standard): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <math>\pm 1.5\%</math> o.r. for 3 to 30 m/s (9.84 to 98.4 ft/s)</li><li>- <math>\pm 3\%</math> o.r. for 1 to 3 m/s (3.28 to 9.84 ft/s)</li></ul> Volume flow (option): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <math>\pm 0.1\%</math> o.f.s. for 0.3 to 1 m/s (0.98 to 3.28 ft/s)</li><li>- <math>\pm 1.5\%</math> o.r. for 1 to 30 m/s (3.28 to 98.4 ft/s)</li></ul>

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