

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Walter C. Beckjord Generating :  
Station Application for Certification as an Ohio : Case No. 09-1023-EL-REN  
Renewable Energy Resource Generating Facility :

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**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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**CASE HISTORY**

On October 30, 2009, Duke Energy (Applicant) filed an application for certification of a renewable energy resource facility, the Walter C. Beckjord Generating Station (Facility), located at 757 U.S. Route 52, New Richmond, OH, 45157. In its application, the Applicant stated its intention to co-fire biomass materials with coal at the Facility's six generating units.

On September 8, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) issued a decision that certified the Facility, with the recognition of renewable output to be proportional to the renewable fuel consumed by the Facility. The Facility was then assigned the Ohio certification number of 10-BIO-OH-GATS-0315.

**STAFF REVIEW**

Since the time of its certification, the Facility has been deactivated. According to information obtained from PJM, the certified facility units were deactivated on the following dates:

Unit Number	Actual Deactivation Date
Beckjord 1	May 1, 2012
Beckjord 2	October 1, 2013
Beckjord 3	October 1, 2013
Beckjord 4	February 17, 2014
Beckjord 5	October 1, 2014
Beckjord 6	October 1, 2014

Source: <http://www.pjm.com/planning/generation-deactivation/gd-summaries.aspx>

The unit retirements were further confirmed by information on the Duke Energy website.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Duke Energy. *W.C. Beckjord Station Retirement Plans*. Retrieved January 21, 2016, from Duke Energy website <http://www.duke-energy.com/beckjord/>

As the Facility has been retired, it is no longer capable of contributing renewable energy credits towards the state's renewable portfolio standard.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission revoke certificate number 10-BIO-OH-GATS-0315 as the Facility has been deactivated. In the event the Commission revokes this certificate, Staff recommends that any renewable energy credits associated with renewable electricity generated by the Facility during the time it was certified be recognized for compliance purposes. Such treatment would be consistent with the Commission's Entry on Rehearing in Case No. 08-0888-EL-ORD, where it indicated the following:

"[i]n the case of certificate revocation, the Commission clarifies that it would recognize otherwise-qualified RECs from a facility up to the point of revocation."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *In re Adoption of Rules for Alternative and Renewable Energy, Technology, Resources, and Climate Req.* Case No. 08-0888-EL-ORD. Entry on Rehearing, (June 17, 2009), at page 35.

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