

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Prairie's Edge Dairy Generating       :  
Facility Application for Certification as an Ohio        :  
Renewable Energy Resource Generating Facility         :           Case No. 12-2473-EL-REN

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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 19, 2012, Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, LLC (Applicant) filed an application for certification of a renewable energy resource facility, the Fair Oaks Generating Facility (Facility), located at 5431 East 600 North Road, Fair Oaks, IN, 47943. In its application, the Applicant stated its intention to capture and burn biogas at the gas-fired electric generator at the Facility. Effective December 19, 2012, the Facility was certified and assigned the Ohio certificate number of 12-BIO-IN-GATS-1472.

On March 10, 2016, a Facility representative filed notice in this proceeding indicating a change in both ownership and facility name. The Facility's name changed to Prairie's Edge Dairy Generating Facility, and the certificate was revised to reflect this updated information.

On September 9, 2016, a Facility representative filed notice indicating the fuel source at the Facility was changed on June 29, 2015, from biogas to natural gas.

**STAFF REVIEW**

The Facility was originally certified on the basis that it was using a biomass resource to generate electricity. The change to natural gas at the Facility negates the Facility's eligibility, as natural gas is not recognized as a renewable energy resource under the state's renewable portfolio standard.

Facility representatives informed the PJM EIS Generation Attributes Tracking System (GATS) of the change of fuel effective July 2015, along with a request to de-list the Facility. GATS deactivated the Facility from its system. In addition, GATS removed from circulation any renewable energy credits created for the Facility after June 2015.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission revoke certificate number 12-BIO-IN-GATS-1472 as the Facility is no longer using a renewable energy resource. In the event the Commission revokes this certificate, Staff recommends that any renewable energy credits associated with renewable electricity generated by the Facility thru June 2015 be recognized for compliance purposes.

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