BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the South Point Biomass Generation

Plant Application for Certification as an Eligible Ohio : Case No. 09-1043-EL-REN

Renewable Energy Resource Generating Facility

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

CASE HISTORY

On November 6, 2009, South Point Biomass Generation, LLC (Applicant) filed an application for certification of a proposed renewable energy resource facility, the South Point Biomass Generation Plant (Facility), located at 100 Collins Road, South Point, OH, 45680. In its application, the Applicant planned to use biomass energy from 100 percent wood waste at the 200 megawatt Facility.

On May 19, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) issued a decision that certified the Facility. The Facility was then assigned the Ohio certification number of 10-BIO-OH-GATS-0156.

STAFF REVIEW

At the time the application was filed, the Applicant had projected an in-service date for the Facility of September 30, 2012. The Applicant has not filed any updates since the Facility was certified.

In February 2017, Staff contacted GATS and confirmed that the Facility has not been registered to date. 1

A February 2017 review of the PJM Interconnection queue shows that the interconnection request for the Facility was withdrawn on March 21, 2012.²

Staff conducted additional investigation, concluding that the Facility has not yet been constructed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission revoke certificate number 10-BIO-OH-GATS-0156 as the Facility has not been placed in-service despite having been certified several years ago. If the Facility does move forward in the future, it is not precluded from seeking certification at that time.

¹ GATS, the attribute tracking system with which the Facility planned to register, is the PJM EIS' Generation Attribute Tracking System.

² http://www.pjm.com/planning/generation-interconnection/generation-queue-withdraw.aspx

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