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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

RE: Champion Energy Services, LLC

Annual Alternative Energy Portfolio Status Report and Plan for Compliance with Future Annual Advanced and Renewable Energy Benchmarks – 2017

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Champion Energy Services, LLC's ("Champion") hereby submits its Annual Alternative Energy Portfolio Status Report and Plan for Compliance with Future Annual Advanced and Renewable Energy Benchmarks for Calendar Year 2017.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at <u>isabel.montalvo@championenergyservices.com</u> or by phone at 281.653.0050.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF CHAMPION	§	Case No. 18- <u>0517</u> EL-ACP
ENERGY SERVICES, LLC'S ANNUAL	§	
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PORTFOLIO	§	
STATUS REPORT AND PLAN FOR	§	
COMPLIANCE WITH FUTURE	§	
ANNUAL ADVANCED AND	§	
RENEWABLE ENERGY	§	
BENCHMARKS	§	

# CHAMPION ENERGY SERVICES, LLC'S ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STATUS REPORT AND PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FUTURE ANNUAL ADVANCED AND RENEWABLE ENERGY BENCHMARKS

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Champion Energy Services LLC ("CES") is an electric services company as defined by Section 4928.01 (A)(9), Revised Code, having been issued Certificate No. 09-166E by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"). CES hereby submits its annual alternative energy portfolio status report for the 2017 calendar year, as required by Rule 4901:1-40-05, Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C."), and its plan for compliance with future annual advanced and renewable energy benchmarks, as required by Rule 4901:1-40-03(C), O.A.C.

### II. ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to Section 4928.64(B)(2), Revised Code, and Rule 4901:40-03(A)(2), O.A.C., for the year 2017, electric service companies must demonstrate that at least 3.5% of retail electricity supplied was derived from renewable energy resources, including 0.15% from solar energy resources. The level of these benchmark requirements is determined by first calculating a baseline number of kilowatt hours sold and then applying the benchmark percentages to that baseline.

#### A. Baseline Calculation

Under Section 4928.643(B), an electric service company may elect to choose for its baseline the total kilowatt hours sold. CES had sales of 4,657,933 MWh in 2017, and is electing to utilize this figure for its baseline.

### B. 2017 Renewable and Solar Energy Resource Benchmarks

Based on the baseline described above, CES's calculation of its benchmarks for electricity generated from renewable and solar energy resources for the year 2017 is as follows:

2017 Baseline	4,657,933 MWh
Total Renewable and Solar Requirement (2.5%)	163,028 MWh
2017 Renewable Requirement	156,041 MWh
(Total Less Solar)	,
2017 Solar Requirement	6,987 MWh

### C. Demonstration of Compliance with 2017 Benchmarks

Pursuant to § Ohio Rev. Code 4928.645, electric service companies may meet their renewable energy benchmarks through the use of renewable energy credits ("RECs"). CES has successfully met its renewable energy benchmarks using RECs. To demonstrate compliance, CES is submitting Exhibit A, a copy of its RPS Compliance from PJM's Generation Attribute Tracking System ("GATS").

#### 1. Non-Solar, Renewable Energy Credits

CES obtained sufficient non-solar, in-state RECs to fully satisfy its 2017 REC obligations. CES found that RECs were available for each tier at prices lower than the optional compliance payment.

### 2. Solar Renewable Energy Credits

Section 4901:1-40-03(A)(2) of the O.A.C. requires that all electric utilities and affected electric services companies demonstrate that 0.15 percent of their retail electric sales are

generated by solar energy resources by the end of 2017. CES obtained sufficient SRECs to fully satisfy its 2017 SREC obligations.

# III. PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FUTURE ANNUAL ADVANCED AND RENEWABLE ENERGY BENCHMARKS

Rule 4901:1-40-03(C), O.A.C., requires that each electric services company file an annual plan for compliance with future annual advanced and renewable energy benchmarks.

# A. Supply Portfolio Projection, Including Both Generation Fleet and Power Purchases

CES has no plan to construct or purchase any electric generation facilities. Therefore, CES will continue to supply power to its customers by purchasing power through the wholesale market.

## B. Description of Methodology Used to Evaluate Compliance Options

As noted above, CES does not own or anticipate owning any generation facilities.

Therefore, CES will meet its alternative energy benchmarks through the purchasing of RECs and SRECs.

# C. Perceived Impediments to Achieving Compliance with Required Benchmarks

CES does not anticipate significant impediments to achieving compliance with its required benchmarks.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

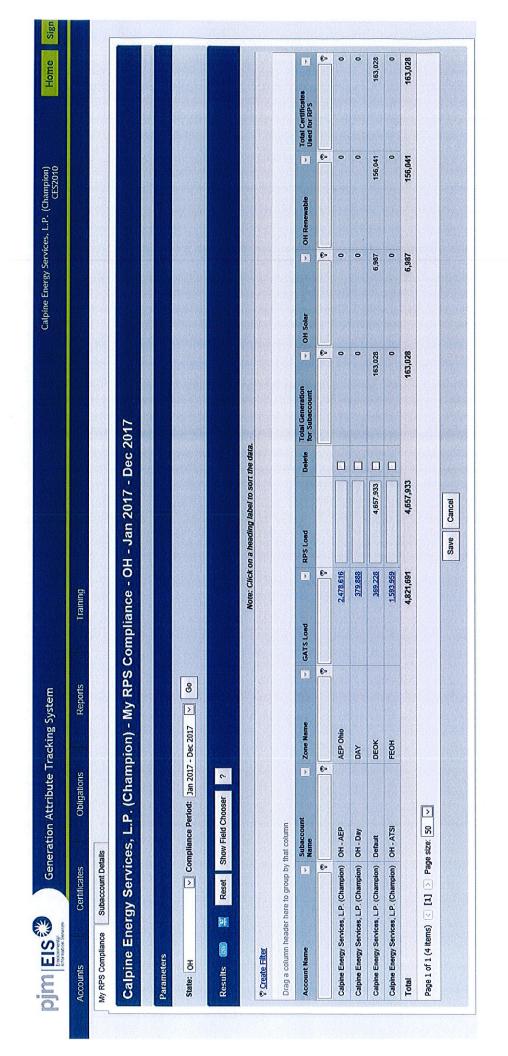
CES respectfully requests that the Commission find that CES has complied with the applicable renewable energy resource benchmarks for 2017 and its associated reporting requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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