

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the 2018 Long-Term Forecast Report of Ohio Power Company and Related Matters.)))	Case No. 18-501-EL-FOR
In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval to Enter into Renewable Energy Purchase Agreements for Inclusion in the Renewable Generation Rider.)))))	Case No. 18-1392-EL-RDR
In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval to Amend its Tariffs.)))	Case No. 18-1393-EL-ATA

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHRIS RENGSTORF ON BEHALF OF INTERSTATE GAS
SUPPLY, INC. AND IGS SOLAR, LLC**

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

Q. Please introduce yourself.

A. My name is Chris Rengstorf. I am employed by IGS Solar, LLC (“IGS Solar”) as Director of Commercial Solar Operations. My business address is 6100 Emerald Parkway, Dublin, Ohio 43016.

Q. Please describe your educational background and work history.

A. I have spent the last 8 years of my career at IGS Energy and began as a software business analyst leading a team focused on extra company communication, processes and systems. After two years in that role I helped IGS research and

found our Distributed Generation group, which grew into our Solar and CHP divisions with the mission to bring innovative energy solutions to Commercial customers. My current responsibilities span the entire solar project lifecycle at IGS, including the system design and analysis, financial review and approval, construction across a national footprint and finally maintenance and operation of our multiple portfolios.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Ohio State University

Q. What is the nature of IGS Solar's business?

A. IGS Solar is an affiliate of IGS Energy. IGS Solar is based in Dublin, Ohio, which is within Ohio Power Company's ("AEP") service territory. IGS Solar develops distributed generation resources across the United States. To date, IGS Solar has developed 125 MWs of commercial and residential distributed solar and has plans to develop another 250 MWs in the next 3 years. IGS Solar currently employs 31 individuals.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. My testimony addresses AEP's claim that there is an insufficient amount of renewable distributed generation in Ohio to meet customer preferences. I do not believe that is the case. To the extent that there is a desire to obtain electricity from renewable resources, I believe that the market is well situated to meet customer preference.

Q. Do customers currently have the ability to obtain electricity from renewable products?

A. Yes, customers have several options available. As discussed in the testimony of Matthew White, customers may procure commodity products coupled with renewable energy. Moreover, customers may procure onsite distributed generation through several different sales channels in the Ohio solar market. IGS Solar has successfully provided onsite solar in Ohio; one on a closed landfill in Cuyahoga County and another on the roof of a university in northern Ohio. IGS Solar is also in early development of a third project in Southern Ohio that would provide onsite solar to two schools. Although there are ongoing challenges regarding net metering and distribution rate design, which are discussed further in the testimony of Katie Rever, I am optimistic that the future of competitive developed solar in Ohio will be bright.

Q. Would the construction of 900 MWs of subsidized renewable resources discourage development of market-based renewable energy resources and stifle job growth?

A. Yes, government intervention into the development of competitive generation resources would create a negative perception of the regulatory landscape in Ohio. Providing subsidies or preferences for a subset of market participants would create the appearance of an unlevel playing field, which would discourage market-based investment in distributed generation. Moreover, subsidies for renewable

generation assets of this scale may flood the Ohio REC market and inhibit the ability of future renewable projects to compete.

Q. Does this complete your testimony?

A. Yes, it does, but I reserve the right to supplement my testimony.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing *Direct Testimony of Chris Rengstorf on behalf of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.'s and IGS Solar, LLC*, was served this 2nd day of January 2019 via electronic mail upon the following:

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