

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application for Berea City	:	
School District to Commit Energy Efficiency / Peak	:	
Demand Reduction Programs to Cleveland Electric	:	Case No. 20-1046-EL-EEC
Illuminating Company	:	

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4928.66, mercantile customers may commit their energy efficiency, peak demand reduction, and demand response programs for integration with an electric utility's programs. Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-39-07(C) permits a mercantile customer to file, either individually or jointly with an electric utility, an application to commit the customer's existing demand reduction, demand response, or energy efficiency programs for integration with the electric utility's programs.

On September 25, 2020, Berea City School District filed an application to commit existing demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency programs for integration with the electric utility's programs (EE/PDR Historic Mercantile Program).

In Case No. 10-0834-EL-EEC, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio developed the EE/PDR Historic Mercantile Program which provides an automatic approval process for applications that are filed under this process, unless the Commission, or an attorney examiner, suspends or denies the application prior to that time. This application was filed by Berea City School District with the PUCO in accordance with the EEC Mercantile Program. The EEC Mercantile Program includes an automatic approval process whereby applications conforming to the standard template are deemed to be approved 60 days after filing, unless suspended or otherwise ordered by the Commission or an attorney examiner.

Staff has reviewed the application, including the project type, installation date, energy savings, and any supplemental information filed by the applicant(s) and has found no reason to suspend or deny the application. Therefore, Staff recommends that this application be approved pursuant to the Commission's automatic approval process on the sixty-first day after the date on which the application was filed. Further, Staff directs Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company to provide the rebate amount of \$35,557 to Berea City School District soon after the date of auto approval.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation electronically filed by Kristin DuPree on behalf of PUCO Staff