

**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of Messer Energy Services Inc’s )  
Annual Alternative Energy Portfolio Status Report )  
and Plan for Compliance with Future Annual ) Case No. 23-0136-EL-ACP  
Advanced and Renewable Energy Benchmarks )

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Messer Energy Services Inc. (MESI) fka Linde Energy Services, Inc. is a Competitive Retail Electric Service (CRES) Provider, as defined in Ohio Revised Code §4928.01 (A)(4), and an electric service company as defined within O.R.C. §4928.01(A)(9). MESI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Messer LLC and is a non-regulated member of the American Electric Power, Inc. and First Energy Corp. system. MESI currently provides electric supply to industrial customers within the state of Ohio.

MESI hereby submits its Annual Alternative Energy Status Report for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, as required by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-40-05 for all electric service companies. As required by the Rule, this Status Report identifies MESI’s 2022 energy baseline; demonstrates its compliance with its 2022 renewable energy benchmarks and outlines its future alternative energy compliance strategy.

**II. COMPLIANCE WITH 2022 BENCHMARKS**

Under Ohio Rev. Code §4928.64 (B)(2) and Ohio Admin. Code § 4901:1-40-03(A)(2), for the year 2022, electric service companies must demonstrate that 6.5% of the retail electricity they sold was derived from non-solar renewable energy resources. Under Ohio Rev. Code §4928.64 (B)(2) starting in renewable year 2020, electric service companies must demonstrate that 0.0% of the retail electricity they sold was derived from solar energy resources. These

benchmarks are determined by first calculating a baseline number of kilowatt hours and then applying the benchmark percentages to that baseline.

**A. Initial Baseline Calculation**

MESI however, has chosen to use its 2022 total kilowatt hours sold as its baseline for compliance in 2022. In such a case, Ohio Admin. Code §4928:643 (B) under SB 310 provides:

Beginning with compliance year 2014, a utility or company may choose for its baseline for compliance with the qualified renewable energy resource requirements of section 4928.64 of the Revised Code to be the total kilowatt hours sold to the applicable consumers, as described in division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, in the applicable compliance year.

**B. 2022 Renewable and Solar Energy Benchmarks**

Using, 188,480 MWH as its 2022 baseline, MESI’s calculation of its benchmarks for electricity generated from renewable and solar energy resources for 2022 is as follows:

**TABLE 1  
MESSER ENERGY SERVICES INC.  
2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY BENCHMARK**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual Load (MWH)</b>	<b>HB 6 Exempt Load</b>	<b>Compliance (Baseline) Load</b>	<b>Non-Solar</b>	<b>Solar</b>
2022	188,480	162,514	25,967	1688	0

MESI’s 2022 Baseline is based on changes created by Ohio HB 6 (effective date 10/22/2020) and Ohio Admin. Code §4928:644 (B)(2) which states:

Such a self-assessing purchaser shall be exempt from any bypassable charge imposed under division (E) of section 4928.64 of the Revised Code.

### C. Compliance with 2022 Renewable Energy Benchmarks

Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code §4928.65, electric service companies may meet their renewable energy benchmarks through the use of renewable energy credits (RECs).

1. **Non-Solar:** Through the use of brokers and other suppliers, MESI has purchased sufficient RECs to satisfy the non-solar requirement for 2022.
2. **Solar:** No longer needed to be procured starting 2020.

A summary of MESI’s compliance efforts in 2022 is as follows:

**TABLE 2**  
**MESSER ENERGY SERVICES INC.**  
**2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLIANCE EFFORTS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Actual Load (MWH)</b>	<b>HB 6 Exempt Load</b>	<b>Compliance (Baseline) Load</b>	<b>Non-Solar</b>	<b>Solar</b>
2022	188,480	162,514	25,967	1688	0

### D. MESI’s Compliance Strategy

MESI’s renewable energy compliance strategy for 2022 was to purchase RECs through market brokers. MESI will continue to utilize the broker market to satisfy its compliance obligation.

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

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-40-03(C) requires all Ohio electric services companies to file an annual “plan for compliance with future annual advanced- and renewable-energy benchmarks, including solar, utilizing at least a ten-year planning horizon.” This plan must contain at least the following four items:

1. Baseline for current and future calendar years.
2. Supply portfolio projection, including both generation fleet and power purchases

3. A description of the methodology used by the company to evaluate its compliance options
4. A discussion of any perceived impediments to achieving compliance with required benchmarks, as well as suggestions for addressing any such impediments.

**O.A.C. 4901:1-40-03(C)(1)-(4).**

MESI began serving customers in the second quarter of 2012 and continues to grow and establish new customers. Below are current and forecasted sales volumes, along with corresponding REC requirements for the years 2022-2026. The Forecast ends with 2026 since Ohio HB 6 terminates the CRES requirements after that point.

**TABLE 3  
MESSER ENERGY SERVICES INC.  
CURRENT AND EIGHT YEAR RENEWABLE ENERGY FORECAST**

Year	Projected Load (MWH)	HB 6 Exempt Load	Compliance Load	Non-Solar,	Solar
2022	188,480	162,514	25,967	1688	0
2023	188,480	162,514	25,967	1818	0
2024	188,480	162,514	25,967	1947	0
2025	188,480	162,514	25,967	2077	0
2026	188,480	162,514	25,967	2207	0

As a CRES provider, MESI does not own any electric generation facilities. MESI will continue to supply power to its customers by purchasing power through the wholesale electricity market.

MESI will continue to meet its alternative energy benchmarks through the purchasing of RECs and solar RECs, through the use of market brokers and producer contacts. Apart from generalized supply and pricing constraints, MESI does not anticipate significant impediments in acquiring the RECs required to meet its alternative energy benchmarks for future years.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, MESI respectfully requests that the Commission find that MESI has complied with the applicable renewable energy benchmarks for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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