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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD

Ohio



Policy type

Renewable Portfolio Standard

Form of the standard

Energy-based

% of renewable energy required

Targets

- **Interim:** 0.25% by 2009, with incremental increases each year
- **Final:** 8.5% by 2026

Economy-wide goal: N/A

Point of regulation: Retail sales

Regulated entities: Investor-owned utilities, retail suppliers

Percent of retail sales covered by RPS: 74%

Implementing agency: Ohio Public Utilities Commission

Enforcement mechanisms: Expired in 2019

Compliance flexibility and cost containment: Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP) are adjusted annually by the Commission with a price floor of \$45/mega-watt hour. If renewable energy is not reasonably available to permit in order to comply, compliance obligation may be modified by the Commission. Subsequent years shall not be automatically reduced, and subsequent additional RECs may be required by the Commission. The utility may also seek a force majeure determination to reduce requirements. An electric distribution utility or an electric services company need not comply with a benchmark under division (B)(2) of this section to the extent that its reasonably expected cost of that compliance exceeds its reasonably expected cost of otherwise producing or acquiring the requisite electricity by three per cent or more. Utilities can measure compliance against either average total kilowatt hours sold in the preceding three years; or opt to use the total kilowatt hours sold in compliance year.

Carve-outs and incentives: Expired in 2019

Compliance tracking: [M-RETS](#), [PJM-GATS](#)

Notable features: Ohio's RPS included a 12.5% target, but the legislature reduced it to 8.5% in 2019. Energy efficiency is addressed in a separate energy efficiency portfolio standard.

Links to agency website and statutes/rules: [Ohio Rev. Code. § 4928.64](#); [Ohio Public Utilities Commission: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard](#); [Retail Electricity Sales](#); [EPA's REC Tracking Systems](#)

Eligible sources

Biogas

Biomass

Distributed
Generation

Geothermal

Hydrogen

Hydropower

Solar

Waste Heat

Waste-to-
Energy

Wind

See [Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4928.64\(A\)\(1\)](#) for definitions of qualifying renewable energy resources. See also [Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4928.645\(A\)](#) for distributed generation. Certain limits may apply.