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Form 10-K
March 30, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K
(Mark One)

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017
or
☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

~~Company~~ Issuing Entity, Sponsor, Depositor
File No.

I.R.S. Employer
Identification Central Index Key
Number No.

~~333-187692-06~~
FIRSTENERGY OHIO PIRB SPECIAL PURPOSE TRUST 2013
(Exact name of issuing entity as specified in its charter)

46-6795854 0001578443

~~001-02323~~
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY
(Exact name of sponsor and depositor as specified in its charter)

34-0150020 0000020947

~~001-02578~~
OHIO EDISON COMPANY
(Exact name of sponsor and depositor as specified in its charter)

34-0437786 0000073960

~~001-03583~~
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY
(Exact name of sponsor and depositor as specified in its charter)

34-4375005 0000352049

~~333-187692-03~~
CEI FUNDING LLC
(Exact name of bond issuer as specified in its charter)

46-1367273 0001573334

~~333-187692-01~~
OE FUNDING LLC
(Exact name of bond issuer as specified in its charter)

46-1367425 0001573352

~~333-187692-04~~
TE FUNDING LLC
(Exact name of bond issuer as specified in its charter)

46-1367453 0001573279

Delaware
(State or jurisdiction of incorporation or organization of the issuing entity and the
bond issuers)

76 South Main Street
Akron, OH
(Address of principal executive offices of the issuing entity and the
bond issuers)

44308
(zip
code)

(800) 736-3402

(Issuing entity's and bond issuers' telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer ☐

Accelerated Filer ☐

Non-accelerated Filer ☒ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if that registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter: Not applicable
Documents incorporated by reference: None.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) Documents filed as a part of this report (exhibits marked with an asterisk are filed herewith):

1. Financial Statements

Not Applicable

2. Financial Statement Schedules

Not Applicable

3. Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K (exhibits marked with an asterisk are filed herewith):

Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of CEI Funding LLC, dated June 20, 2013
3.1 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).

Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of OE Funding LLC, dated June 20, 2013
3.2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).

- 3.3 Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of TE Funding LLC, dated June 20, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 4.1 Certificate Indenture, dated as of June 20, 2013, between FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust 2013 and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust 2013 among CEI Funding LLC, OE Funding LLC and TE Funding LLC, acting jointly as Settlers, and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Delaware Trustee and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison Company and The Toledo Edison Company, each as an Administrative Trustee, dated as of June 20, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 4.3 Bond Indenture, dated as of June 20, 2013, between CEI Funding LLC and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 4.4 Bond Indenture, dated as of June 20, 2013, between OE Funding LLC and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 4.5 Bond Indenture, dated as of June 20, 2013, between TE Funding LLC and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 4.6 Form of Pass-Through Trust Certificates (contained in Exhibit 4.1).
- 4.7 Form of CEI Funding LLC Bonds (contained in Exhibit 4.3).
- 4.8 Form of OE Funding LLC Bonds (contained in Exhibit 4.4).
- 4.9 Form of TE Funding LLC Bonds (contained in Exhibit 4.5).
- 10.1 Fee and Indemnity Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, among CEI Funding LLC, OE Funding LLC, TE Funding LLC, U.S. Bank National Association, U.S. Bank Trust National Association and FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.2 Cross-Indemnity Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, among CEI Funding LLC, OE Funding LLC and TE Funding LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.3 Administration Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between CEI Funding LLC and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.4

Administration Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between OE Funding LLC and Ohio Edison Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).

- 10.5 Administration Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between TE Funding LLC and The Toledo Edison Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.6 Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between CEI Funding LLC and FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.7 Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between OE Funding LLC and FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.8 Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between TE Funding LLC and FirstEnergy Ohio PIRB Special Purpose Trust 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.9 Phase-In-Recovery Property Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013 between CEI Funding LLC and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.10 Phase-In-Recovery Property Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between OE Funding LLC and Ohio Edison Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.11 Phase-In-Recovery Property Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between TE Funding LLC and The Toledo Edison Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.12 Phase-In-Recovery Property Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between CEI Funding LLC and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.13 Phase-In-Recovery Property Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between OE Funding LLC and Ohio Edison Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- 10.14 Phase-In-Recovery Property Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2013, between TE Funding LLC and The Toledo Edison Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 included as an exhibit to the Issuing Entity's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 333-187692-06) filed with the SEC on June 25, 2013).
- *31.1 Certification of Ohio Edison Company pursuant to Rule 13a-14(d)/15d-14(d).
- *31.2 Certification of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company pursuant to Rule 13a-14(d)/15d-14(d).
- *31.3 Certification of The Toledo Edison Company pursuant to Rule 13a-14(d)/15d-14(d).
- *33.1

Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities for Ohio Edison Company.

*33.2 Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities for The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.

- *33.3 Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities for The Toledo Edison Company.
- *33.4 Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities for FirstEnergy Service Company.
- *33.5 Report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for U.S. Bank, National Association.
- *34.1 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on behalf of Ohio Edison Company.
- *34.2 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on behalf of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.
- *34.3 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on behalf of The Toledo Edison Company.
- *34.4 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on behalf of FirstEnergy Service Company.
- *34.5 Attestation report on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities of Ernst & Young on behalf of U.S. Bank, National Association.
- *35.1 Compliance statement of Ohio Edison Company, as servicer.
- *35.2 Compliance statement of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, as servicer.
- *35.3 Compliance statement of The Toledo Edison Company, as servicer.

Exhibits required by this Form and Item 601 of Regulation S-K (exhibits marked with an asterisk are filed herewith):
(b)

See Item 15(a)(3) above.

(c) Not Applicable

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary
None.

Item 1112(b). Significant Obligor of Pool Assets.
None.

Item 1114(b)(2). Credit Enhancement and Other Support, Except for Certain Derivatives Instruments.
None.

Item 1115(b). Certain Derivatives Instruments.
None.

Item 1117. Legal Proceedings.

U.S. Bank National Association has provided the following information:

Since 2014 various plaintiffs or groups of plaintiffs, primarily investors, have filed claims against U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank"), in its capacity as trustee or successor trustee (as the case may be) under certain residential mortgage backed securities ("RMBS") trusts. The plaintiffs or plaintiff groups have filed substantially similar complaints against other RMBS trustees, including Deutsche Bank, Citibank, HSBC, Bank of New York Mellon and Wells Fargo. The complaints against U.S. Bank allege the trustee caused losses to investors as a result of alleged failures by the sponsors, mortgage loan sellers and servicers for these RMBS trusts and assert causes of action based upon the trustee's purported failure to enforce repurchase obligations of mortgage loan sellers for alleged breaches of representations and warranties concerning loan quality. The complaints also assert that the trustee failed to notify securityholders of purported events of default allegedly caused by breaches of servicing standards by mortgage loan servicers and that the trustee purportedly failed to abide by a heightened standard of care following alleged events of default.

Currently U.S. Bank is a defendant in multiple actions alleging individual or class action claims against the trustee with respect to multiple trusts as described above with the most substantial case being: BlackRock Balanced Capital Portfolio et al v. U.S. Bank National Association, No. 605204/2015 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) (class action alleging claims with respect to approximately 770 trusts) and its companion case BlackRock Core Bond Portfolio et al v. U.S. Bank National Association, No. 14-cv-9401 (S.D.N.Y.). Some of the trusts implicated in the aforementioned Blackrock cases, as well as other trusts, are involved in actions brought by separate groups of plaintiffs related to no more than 100 trusts per case.

U.S. Bank cannot assure you as to the outcome of any of the litigation, or the possible impact of these litigations on the trustee or the RMBS trusts. However, U.S. Bank denies liability and believes that it has performed its obligations under the RMBS trusts in good faith, that its actions were not the cause of losses to investors and that it has meritorious defenses, and it intends to contest the plaintiffs' claims vigorously.

Item 1119. Affiliations and Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

The Issuing Entity is a Delaware statutory trust specifically formed by the bond issuers, CEI Funding LLC, OE Funding LLC and TE Funding LLC, for the purpose of acquiring bonds from the bond issuers and issuing the certificates. CEI Funding LLC, OE Funding LLC and TE Funding LLC are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the servicers, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison Company and The Toledo Edison Company, respectively (such servicers also serving in the capacity as administrative trustees under the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of the Issuing Entity).

Item 1122. Compliance with Applicable Servicing Criteria.

See Exhibits 33.1, 33.2, 33.3, 33.4, 33.5, 34.1, 34.2, 34.3, 34.4 and 34.5 under Item 15.

Item 1123. Servicer Compliance Statement.

See Exhibits 35.1, 35.2 and 35.3 under Item 15.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FIRSTENERGY OHIO PIRB
SPECIAL PURPOSE TRUST 2013
(Issuing entity)

THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC
BY: ILLUMINATING COMPANY,
as Servicer
OHIO EDISON COMPANY, as
Servicer
THE TOLEDO EDISON
COMPANY, as Servicer

BY: /s/ Steven R. Staub
Steven R. Staub
Vice President and Treasurer

Date: March 30, 2018

Supplemental Information to be Furnished With Reports Filed Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act by Registrants Which Have Not Registered Securities Pursuant to Section 12 of the Act

No such annual report, proxy statement, form of proxy or other proxy soliciting material has been sent to the registrant's securityholders. The registrant will not be sending an annual report or proxy material to its securityholders subsequent to the filing of this report on Form 10-K.