## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

| In the Matter of                     | the Application of | ) .                       |
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| Fowler Ridge III V                   | Wind Farm LLC for  | ) Case No. 09-1051-EL-REN |
| Certification as                     | an Eligible Ohio   | )                         |
| Renewable Energy Resource Generating |                    | )                         |
| Facility.                            |                    | )                         |

## **FINDING AND ORDER**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) On November 5, 2009, Fowler Ridge III Wind Farm LLC (Fowler Ridge III) filed an application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility.
- (2) Consistent with Sections 4928.64 and 4928.65, Revised Code, in order to qualify as a certified eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, a facility must demonstrate in its application that it has satisfied all of the following criteria:
  - (a) The generation produced by the renewable energy resource generating facility can be shown to be deliverable into the state of Ohio, pursuant to Section 4928.64(B)(3), Revised Code.
  - (b) The resource to be utilized in the generating facility is recognized as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Sections 4928.64(A)(1) and 4928.01(A)(35), Revised Code, or a new technology that may be classified by the Commission as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Section 4928.64(A)(2), Revised Code.
  - (c) The facility must satisfy the applicable placed-inservice date, delineated in Section 4928.64(A)(1), Revised Code.
- (3) Fowler Ridge III has submitted for certification a 99 MW wind generating facility located at 91 South 100 East Street, Fowler, IN 47944. Fowler Ridge III is adjacent to the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm LLC facility (Fowler Ridge), which was granted

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certification number 09-WND-IN-GATS-0010 in Case No. 09-596-EL-REN. According to the application, Fowler Ridge III is metered separately from the Fowler Ridge facility. The application indicates that Fowler Ridge III is a distributed generation facility, with a net metering and interconnection agreement with American Electric Power (Indiana Michigan Power Company). The application explains that Fowler Ridge III is within the geographic area of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. The application represents that, based upon its location in a state geographically contiguous to Ohio, the electricity generated from Fowler Ridge III is deliverable into Ohio. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the application satisfies the first criterion.

- (4) In its application, Fowler Ridge III states that it utilizes wind energy, harnessed by wind generators, as its energy resource. Wind energy is specifically recognized as a renewable resource pursuant to Section 4928.01(A)(35), Revised Code. Therefore, the Commission finds that the second criterion is satisfied.
- (5) Fowler Ridge III indicates in its application that the in-service date for its system was February 27, 2009, thereby satisfying the requirement of Section 4928.64(A)(1), Revised Code. As such, the Commission finds that Fowler Ridge III's facility meets the third criterion.
- (6) Given that Fowler Ridge III's application demonstrates that its facility satisfies the requisite criteria to become certified as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, the Commission finds that its application should be approved. This approval is subject to the facility properly acquiring and maintaining all required local, state, and environmental permits.
- (7) In addition to satisfying the above-cited criteria, Section 4928.65, Revised Code, requires a renewable energy resource generating facility to be registered with an approved attribute tracking system, such as the Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS), or the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS), for the facility's renewable energy credits to be used for compliance with Ohio's alternative energy portfolio standards. Fowler Ridge III provided its GATS identification number in its application.

(8) Fowler Ridge III is hereby issued certification number 09-WND-IN-GATS-0063 as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility. In the event of any substantive changes in the facility's operational characteristics, or significant changes in the information provided in the application, Fowler Ridge III must notify the Commission within 30 days of such changes. Failure to do so may result in revocation of its certification.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Fowler Ridge III's application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility be granted as set forth herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Fowler Ridge III be issued certification number 09-WND-IN-GATS-0063, in accordance with finding (8). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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