

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Glacial Energy of Ohio,)
Inc.'s Annual Alternative Energy) Case No. 12-1235-EL-ACP
Portfolio Status Report.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Glacial Energy of Ohio, Inc. (Glacial) is an electric services company as defined in Section 4928.01(A)(9), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) Section 4928.64(B), Revised Code, establishes benchmarks for electric services companies to acquire a portion of their electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. Specifically, the statute requires that, for 2011, a portion of the electricity sold by means of retail electric sales in Ohio must come from alternative energy resources (overall renewable energy resources benchmark), half of which must be met with resources located within Ohio (in-state renewable energy resources benchmark), and including 0.030 percent from solar energy resources (overall solar energy resources (SER) benchmark), half of which must be met with resources located within Ohio (in-state SER benchmark). This requirement increased to 0.060 percent for 2012.
- (3) Rule 4901:1-40-05(A), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), requires that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, each electric services company file by April 15 of each year an annual alternative energy portfolio status report. The report must analyze all activities the company undertook in the previous year in order to demonstrate how pertinent alternative energy portfolio benchmarks and planning requirements have been or will be met. Additionally, Commission Staff (Staff) must conduct an annual compliance review with regard to the benchmarks. Finally, Rule 4901:1-40-02(A), O.A.C., provides that electric services companies that do not serve Ohio retail electric customers are not required to comply with the terms of the alternative energy portfolio benchmarks.

- (4) On April 13, 2012, Glacial filed its 2011 alternative energy portfolio status report, pursuant to Section 4928.64, Revised Code, and Rule 4901:1-40-05(A), O.A.C. In its report, Glacial proposes a baseline of 492,688 megawatt-hours, based on its actual Ohio sales for 2010. Using this baseline and the 2011 statutory benchmarks, Glacial reports that it met its overall renewable energy resources benchmark of 4,779 renewable energy credits (RECs), including an in-state renewable energy resources benchmark of 2,390 RECs, and also met its overall SER benchmark of 148 solar RECs, including an in-state SER benchmark of 74 solar RECs.
- (5) On January 17, 2013, Staff filed findings and recommendations regarding Glacial's alternative energy portfolio status report. Initially, Staff finds that Glacial was required to comply with the terms of the alternative energy portfolio benchmarks for 2011, as it had retail electric sales in Ohio. Staff notes that Glacial's proposed baseline is reasonable and that Glacial accurately computed its compliance obligations for 2011.

Additionally, Staff states that it reviewed Glacial's Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS) reserve subaccount data and confirms that, for 2011, Glacial satisfied its overall renewable energy resources benchmark, in-state renewable energy resources benchmark, overall SER benchmark, and in-state SER benchmark. Staff further indicates that it reviewed Glacial's GATS reserve subaccount information and confirmed that the RECs originated from generating facilities certified by the Commission and were associated with electricity generated during the applicable timeframe.

Accordingly, Staff recommends that Glacial be found to be in compliance with its 2011 alternative energy compliance obligations. Staff further recommends that, for future compliance years in which Glacial utilizes GATS to demonstrate its Ohio compliance efforts, Glacial initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and solar RECs to its GATS reserve subaccount between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual alternative energy portfolio status report with the Commission.

- (6) Upon review of Glacial's alternative energy portfolio status report and Staff's findings and recommendations, the Commission finds that Glacial is in compliance with its 2011 overall renewable energy resources benchmark, in-state renewable energy resources benchmark, overall SER benchmark, and in-state SER benchmark. Consequently, the Commission finds that Glacial's alternative energy portfolio status report for 2011 should be accepted. With respect to future compliance years, the Commission directs Glacial to initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and solar RECs to its GATS reserve subaccount between March 1 and April 15, consistent with Staff's recommendation.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Glacial's alternative energy portfolio status report for 2011 be accepted in accordance with finding (6). It is, further,

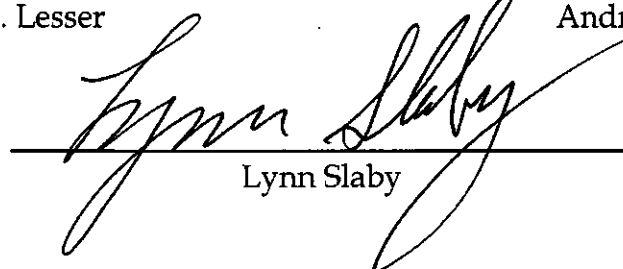
ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman

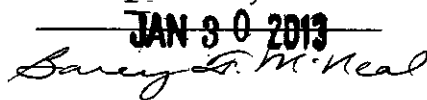

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