#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of	the App	lication of	)	
Frank Gee for Certification as an Eligible			)	Case No. 13-527-EL-REN
Ohio Renewable	Energy	Resource	)	Case No. 13-327-EL-NEN
Generating Facility.	•		)	

## **ENTRY**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) On February 27, 2013, Frank Gee (Applicant) filed an application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility.
- (2) Rule 4901:1-40-04(F)(2), Ohio Administrative Code, provides that an application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility is subject to a 60-day automatic approval process. The rule also provides that, upon good cause shown, the Commission may suspend an application during the 60-day approval process.
- (3) On April 23, 2013, the attorney examiner suspended the application in order for the Commission and Commission Staff to further review the application.
- (4) 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.

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(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-in-service date, delineated in Section 4928.64(A)(1), Revised Code.
- (5) This application seeks to certify a solar photovoltaic array installed on the roof of the applicant's residence in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, within the geographic area of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. The application indicates that this facility is distributed generation with a net metering and interconnection agreement with PPL Electric Utilities, and has been certified as an eligible generating resource to meet the renewable portfolio standards of the state of Pennsylvania. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the application satisfies the first criterion.
- (6) The application seeks certification of a solar photovoltaic system. Solar photovoltaic 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.
- (7) The application indicates that the placed-in-service date for this system was after January 1, 1998, which satisfies the requirement of Section 4928.64(A)(1), Revised Code. As such, the Commission finds that the application meets the third criterion.
- (8) On May 7, 2013, Commission Staff filed a Review and Recommendation recommending that the application be approved.

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(9) Given that the application demonstrates that its facility satisfies the requisite statutory criteria to become certified as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, as well as the Commission's rules and Commission Staff's Review and Recommendation, the Commission finds that the application should be approved. This approval is subject to the facility properly acquiring and maintaining all required local, state, and environmental permits.

- (10) 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. The application indicates that the facility is registered with GATS.
- (11) Accordingly, the rooftop solar photovoltaic system installed on the residence of Frank Gee in Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be certified 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, the applicant or owner must notify the Commission within thirty days of such changes. Failure to do so may result in revocation of this certification.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Commission's Docketing Division issue the applicant a certificate as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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