

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2012 of ) Case No. 13-1126-EL-ACP  
Compass Energy Gas Services, LLC. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Compass Energy Gas Services LLC (Compass or the Company) is an electric services company as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(9) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4928.64(B)(2) establishes benchmarks for electric services companies to acquire a portion of their electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. Half of the renewable benchmark must be met with resources located within Ohio (in-state renewable benchmark), including a portion from solar energy resources (solar benchmark), half of which must be met with resources located within Ohio (in-state solar benchmark). The specific renewable compliance obligations for 2012 are 1.50 percent (which includes the solar requirement) and 0.06 percent for solar. R.C. 4928.65 provides that an electric utility or electric services company may use renewable energy credits (RECs) and solar energy credits (SRECs) to meet its respective renewable energy and solar benchmarks. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-01(BB) defines a REC as the environmental attributes associated with one MWh of electricity generated by a renewable energy resource, except for electricity generated by facilities as described in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(E).
- (3) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-05(A) requires each electric services company to annually file by April 15 an annual alternative energy portfolio status report (AEPS report), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The AEPS

report must analyze all activities the company undertook in the previous year in order to demonstrate how pertinent alternative energy portfolio benchmarks have been met. Staff then conducts an annual compliance review with regard to the benchmarks. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-02(A) provides that any entity that does not serve Ohio retail electric customers shall not be required to comply with the AEPS rules.

- (4) On May 2, 2013, Compass filed its 2012 AEPS report, in which it reports that the Company had no Ohio retail sales for the years 2009 through 2012.
- (5) On June 3, 2013, Staff filed its review and recommendations for Company's AEPS report. Staff reports that Compass is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, but that Compass had no retail electric sales in 2012 and, thus, had no 2012 AEPS obligation. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Company's filing be accepted, with no further action required.
- (6) Upon review of the Company's AEPS report, as well as Staff's findings and recommendations, the Commission finds that, as Compass had no retail electric sales in 2012, the Company did not have any 2012 AEPS compliance obligations. Accordingly, the Company's AEPS report for 2012 should be accepted as filed. The Commission also directs that, for any future compliance years, Compass should initiate any transfers of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its GATS reserve subaccount between March 1 and April 15, consistent with Staff's recommendations.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Company's AEPS report for 2012 be accepted as filed. It is, further,

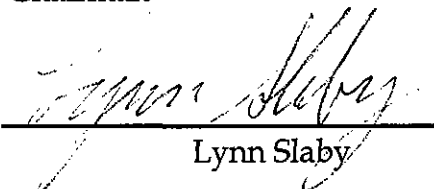
ORDERED, That the record of this case be closed. It is, further,


ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

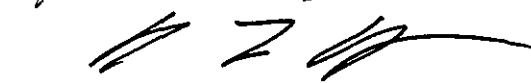
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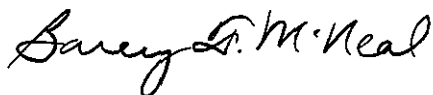
  
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