

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy)
Portfolio Status Report for 2013 of GDF)
Suez Retail Energy Solutions, LLC dba) Case No. 14-2077-EL-ACP
Think Energy.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) GDF Suez Retail Energy Solutions, LLC dba Think Energy (Think Energy or 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).¹ The specific renewable compliance obligations for 2013 are 2.00 percent (which includes the solar requirement) and 0.09 percent for solar. R.C. 4928.645 (formerly R.C. 4928.65 prior to the enactment of 2014 Sub.S.B. No. 310), 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 megawatt hour (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).

¹ The Commission notes that, for future reports, Sub.S.B. No. 310 of the 130th General Assembly, which became effective September 12, 2014, has amended R.C. 4928.64 and 4928.65 to, inter alia, eliminate the in-state renewable benchmarks and advanced energy component, freeze renewable energy benchmarks for 2015 and 2016, and allow an alternative sales baseline calculation for determining compliance.

- (3) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-05(A) requires each electric services company to annually file by April 15 an 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 of the company's filing and records on the PJM EIS Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS) to ensure that RECs were sourced from generating facilities certified by the Commission and appropriately associated with electricity generated between August 1, 2008, and December 31, 2013.
- (4) On March 24, 2014, Think Energy filed its 2013 AEPS report in Case 04-1014-EL-CRS; the report was subsequently cross-filed under the captioned docket. Think Energy reports that it had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2010 through 2013 and, therefore, had no 2013 compliance obligations.
- (5) On November 21, 2014, Staff filed its review and recommendations for the Company's AEPS report. Staff reports that Think Energy is certified as an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS reporting obligation for 2013. Staff verified that the Company had no jurisdictional sales during the compliance period and, thus, had no 2013 AEPS compliance obligation. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, the Company initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its GATS reserve subaccount between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (6) Upon review of the Company's AEPS report and the record in this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations, and find that the Company had no compliance obligations for 2013. Further, the Company is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

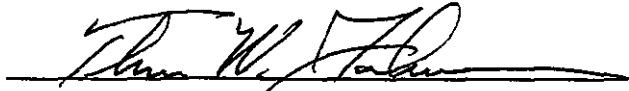
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Company's 2013 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as Think Energy had no AEPS compliance obligation for 2013. It is, further,

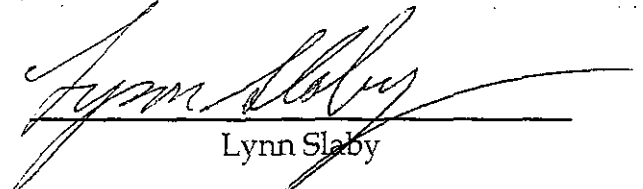
ORDERED, That Think Energy comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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