

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy     )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2013 of     )     Case No. 14-448-EL-ACP  
North Eastern States Inc. d/b/a     )  
Entrust Energy.     )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) North Eastern States Inc. d/b/a Entrust Energy (Entrust) 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).<sup>1</sup> 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).

---

<sup>1</sup> 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 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 April 3, 2014, Entrust filed its 2013 AEPS report. Entrust indicates no retail electric sales prior to 2013. Accordingly, Entrust proposes to use its 2013 actual retail electric sales of 2,960 MWh as its baseline.
- (5) On August 15, 2014, Staff filed its review and recommendations for Entrust's AEPS report. Staff reports that Entrust is an electric services company in Ohio and that the baseline proposed by Entrust is reasonable. Staff also determined that Entrust has satisfied its total solar and non-solar obligation, as well as its specific minimum in-state solar and non-solar requirement, for 2013. Finally, Staff states that Entrust has transferred RECs and SRECs, which were sourced from generating facilities certified by the Commission and appropriately associated with electricity generated between August 1, 2008, and December 31, 2013, to its Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS) reserve subaccount for Ohio compliance purposes.
- (6) Upon review of Entrust's AEPS report, as well as Staff's findings and recommendations, the Commission finds that Entrust's compliance obligations for 2013 be based upon its 2013 actual retail sales, and that Entrust has met its compliance obligations for 2013. The Commission also directs that, for any future compliance years, Entrust should initiate the transfer 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 Entrust's 2013 actual retail sales 2,960 MWh be accepted as its 2013 baseline sales. It is, further,

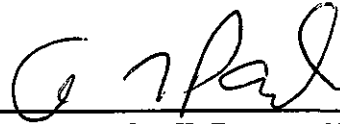
ORDERED, That Entrust's AEPS report for 2013 be accepted as filed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Entrust is found to have satisfied its 2013 AEPS compliance obligations. It is, further,

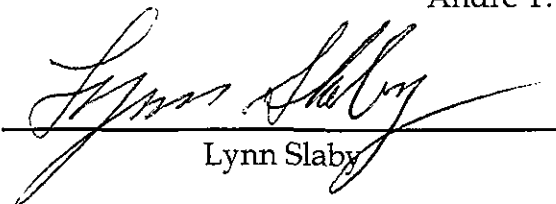
ORDERED, That Entrust abide by the adopted Staff recommendations. It is, further,

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

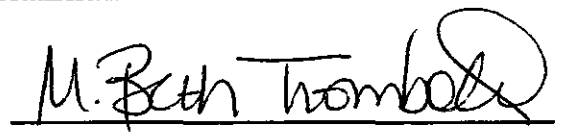
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



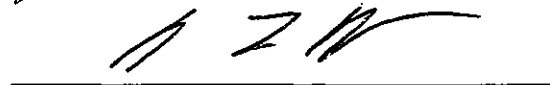
Andre T. Porter, Chairman




Lynn Slaby



M. Beth Trombold



Asim Z. Haque

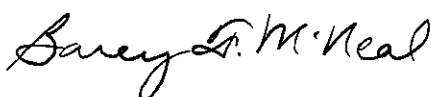


Thomas W. Johnson

JML/sc

Entered in the Journal

**MAY 06 2015**



Barcy F. McNeal  
Secretary