

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Annual Adjustment)
of the Non-Solar Compliance Payment) Case No. 15-461-EL-ACP
for 2015.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) R.C. 4928.64 establishes specific percentage benchmarks for kilowatt hours generated from renewable and solar energy resources sold by an electric utility for years beginning in 2009 and thereafter. R.C. 4928.64(C)(2)(b) creates a compliance payment pertaining to these non-solar renewable energy resource benchmarks that is equal to the number of additional renewable energy credits that the electric utility or electric services company would have needed to comply with the applicable benchmark in the period under review, multiplied by at least \$45.00 and adjusted annually by the Commission to reflect any change in the consumer price index (CPI) as defined in R.C. 101.27. R.C. 101.27(C)(1) defines consumer price index to mean the consumer price index prepared by the United States bureau of labor statistics (U.S. city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers: all items, 1982-1984=100), or, if that index is no longer published, a generally available comparable index.
- (2) In Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-40, the Commission adopted rules to implement the alternative energy portfolio standard (AEPS) established under R.C. 4928.64. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-08, effective December 10, 2009, addresses compliance payments. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-08(A)(2), which specifically focuses on the Commission's annual adjustment of the non-solar renewable energy resource compliance payment, provides that:

The required payment for noncompliance with any renewable energy resource benchmark, excluding solar, shall be calculated by quantifying the level of noncompliance, rounded to the next

MWh, and multiplying this figure by an amount determined by the commission. * * *

- (b) Beginning in the year 2010, the per MWh payment for renewable energy resources will be adjusted annually to reflect the annual change to the consumer price index as defined in Section 101.27 of the Revised Code. Such adjustment shall be performed by staff no later than June first of each calendar year. This annual adjustment shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$(\text{CPIYR2}/\text{CPIYR1}) * \text{current per MWh payment})$$

The rule further provides that the compliance payment for renewable energy resources shall not be less than \$45.00 per MWh.

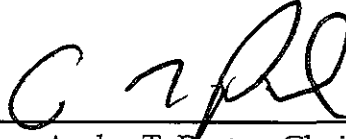
- (3) On May 8, 2015, Staff filed its report recommending that, based on the most recent CPI data, the non-solar renewable energy resource compliance payment under R.C. 4928.64(C)(2)(b) should be \$49.96/MWh for 2015. No objections to Staff's calculations have been filed. Accordingly, the non-solar renewable energy resource compliance payment under R.C. 4928.64(C)(2)(b) shall be \$49.96/MWh for 2015.

It is, therefore,

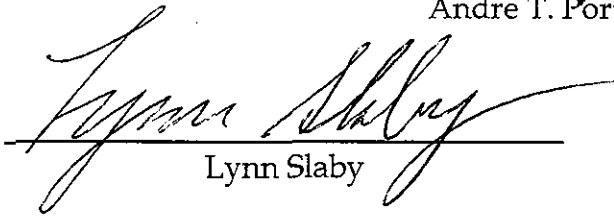
ORDERED, That the compliance payment for non-solar renewable energy resources under R.C. 4928.64(C)(2)(b) is \$49.96/MWh for 2015. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice or a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each electric utility, the Commission's electric-energy industry listserve, and upon all parties of record.

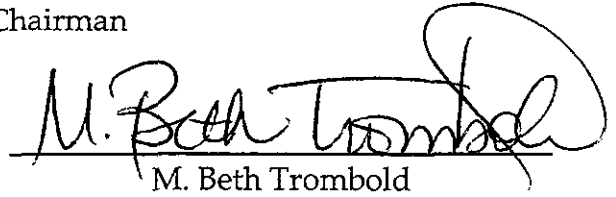
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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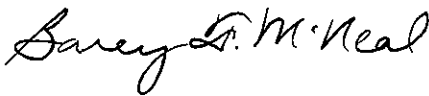
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