

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2012 of AEP ) Case No. 13-920-EL-ACP  
Retail Energy Partners LLC. )  
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In the Matter of the Alternative Energy )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2013 of AEP ) Case No. 14-586-EL-ACP  
Retail Energy Partners LLC. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) AEP Retail Energy Partners LLC (AEP Retail) 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. R.C. 4928.645 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).
- (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 the records of the applicable attribute

tracking system to ensure that RECs were sourced from generating facilities certified by the Commission and were appropriately associated with electricity generated for the compliance period.

- (4) On April 15, 2013, AEP Retail filed its 2012 AEPS report, stating that it had Ohio retail electric sales in 2010 and 2011. AEP Retail proposed a baseline of 891,701 MWh, which represents an average of the annual sales for that two year period. AEP Retail avers that it satisfied its 2012 compliance obligations through the purchase of RECs and SRECs.
- (5) On April 15, 2014, as amended on May 6, 2014, AEP Retail filed its 2013 AEPS report. AEP Retail computes a baseline of 1,582,599 MWh as the average of its sales for 2010, 2011, and 2012. AEP asserts that it obtained the necessary RECs and SRECs needed to fully satisfy its 2013 compliance obligations.
- (6) On September 16, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for AEP Retail's 2012 and 2013 reports. Staff reports that AEP Retail is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2012 and 2013. Staff reports that AEP Retail accurately calculated its AEPS compliance requirements for 2012 and 2013. Staff reviewed AEP Retail's GATS account record to verify compliance, and determined that the Company has satisfied its 2012 and 2013 AEPS compliance obligations. Further, 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.
- (7) Upon review of AEP Retail's AEPS report and the record in this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that the AEP Retail's 2013 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that AEP Retail has met its compliance obligations for 2012 and 2013. Further, AEP Retail is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

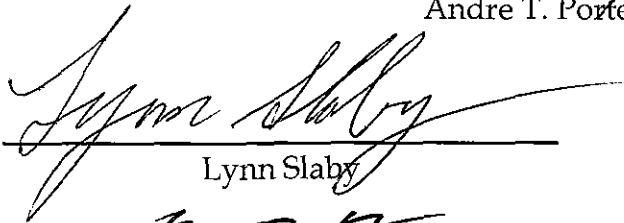


It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AEP Retail's 2012 and 2013 AEPS reports be accepted as filed, as AEP Retail has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2012 and 2013. It is, further,

ORDERED, That AEP Retail 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.

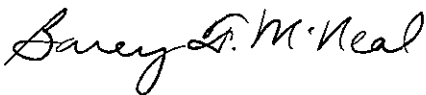
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