

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy)
Portfolio Status Report for 2013 of Land) Case No. 14-632-EL-ACP
O'Lakes, Inc.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Land O'Lakes, Inc. (LOL) 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, 2014, LOL filed its 2013 AEPS report, stating that it did not provide service until November 2013. As a result, LOL adds, it proposes a baseline of 1,324 MWh, which reflects its Ohio retail electric sales for 2013. LOL states that as of its filing date, it was not able to procure RECs and SRECs needed for compliance.
- (5) On September 10, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for LOL's AEPS report. Staff reports that LOL is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2013. Staff reports that after filing its report, LOL informed Staff that it had procured RECs and SRECs needed to satisfy 2013 compliance obligations. Staff adds that LOL accurately calculated its AEPS compliance requirements. Staff reviewed LOL's GATS account record to verify compliance, and determined that the company has satisfied its 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.
- (6) Upon review of LOL's AEPS report and the record in this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that the LOL's 2013 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that LOL has met its compliance obligations for 2013. Further, LOL is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

It is, therefore,

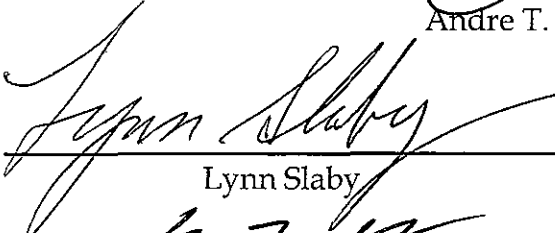
ORDERED, That LOL's 2013 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as LOL has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2013. It is, further,

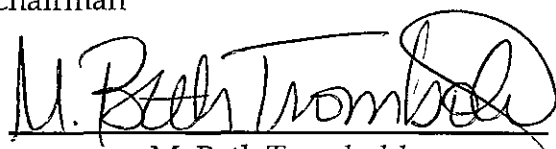
ORDERED, That LOL comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

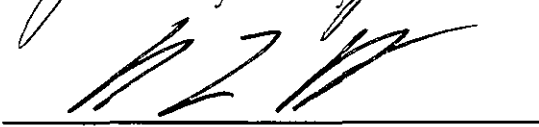
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

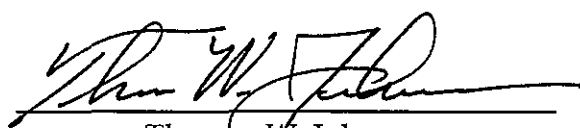
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