

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy)
Portfolio Status Reports for 2012 and 2013) Case No. 13-741-EL-ACP
of MidAmerican Energy Company.) Case No. 14-538-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican or the 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. 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 March 26, 2013, MidAmerican filed its 2012 AEPS report in Case No. 13-741-EL-ACP, in which it reports that it had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2009, and its average for 2010 and 2011 was 152,873 MWHs. However, MidAmerican proposes to use 174,316 MWHs, which the Company believes to be a more representative baseline for its 2012 compliance obligations. Using this baseline, MidAmerican reports that it has satisfied its 2012 compliance obligations.
- (5) On April 2, 2014, MidAmerican filed its 2013 AEPS report in Case No. 14-538-EL-ACP. In its 2013 AEPS report, MidAmerican proposes to use 162,581 MWHs, the average of its actual jurisdictional sales in 2010 through 2012, as its compliance baseline. Using this baseline, MidAmerican reports that it has satisfied its 2013 compliance obligations.
- (6) On March 30, 2015, Staff filed its review and recommendations of the MidAmerican's 2012 and 2013 AEPS reports. Staff reports that MidAmerican is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2012 and 2013. Staff reviewed the Company's AEPS reports and REC tracking accounts to verify compliance, and determined that MidAmerican has satisfied its 2012 and 2013 AEPS compliance obligations. Staff also observes that MidAmerican had an excess of RECs due to its over-compliance in 2011 and 2012. *See, MidAmerican Energy Company, Case No. 12-1215-EL-ACP, Finding and Order (Dec. 4, 2013) at 3.* Accordingly, Staff recommends that such excess credits be applied to the Company's 2014 or 2015 compliance obligations if not otherwise prohibited under Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(D)(3). For future compliance years, Staff also recommends that MidAmerican initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its REC tracking accounts between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (7) Upon review of the Company's 2012 and 2013 AEPS reports, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that that MidAmerican's compliance baselines, as adjusted in accordance with Staff's recommendations, are reasonable, and that MidAmerican

has met its compliance obligations for 2012 and 2013. Further, the Company is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

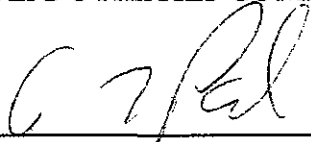
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That MidAmerican has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2012 and 2013, and that its AEPS reports for both years be accepted as filed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That MidAmerican 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



Andre T. Porter, Chairman

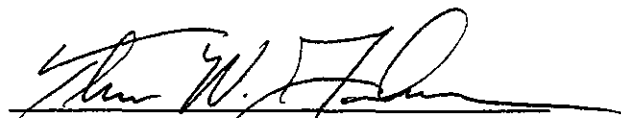
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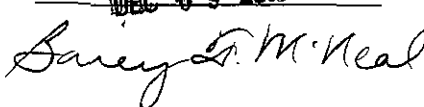
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