

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2014 of BFE ) Case No. 15-458-EL-ACP  
Scheduling, LLC. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) BFE Scheduling, LLC (BFE) 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 3, 2015, BFE filed its 2014 AEPS report stating that it starting serving retail customers in November 2013, and proposes to use a compliance baseline of 1,322 MWh, which reflects its actual Ohio retail sales for 2013. BFE then avers that it satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations through the purchase of RECs and SRECs. Further, the Company states that it ceased providing retail service in Ohio as of November 2014.
- (5) On April 28, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for BFE's AEPS report. Staff reports that BFE is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2014. Staff reports that BFE accurately calculated its 2014 AEPS solar compliance requirement, but over-stated its non-solar obligation. Staff reviewed the Company's REC account record to verify compliance, and determined that the Company has satisfied its 2014 AEPS compliance obligations, but recommends that BFE coordinate with Staff to adjust the quantity of RECs for 2014 compliance to match the Company's obligation. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years in which BFE has jurisdictional sales, the Company initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its REC tracking account between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (6) Upon review of BFE's AEPS report and the record in this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that the BFE's 2014 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that BFE has met its compliance obligations for 2014. Further, BFE is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years in which the Company has jurisdictional sales.

It is, therefore,

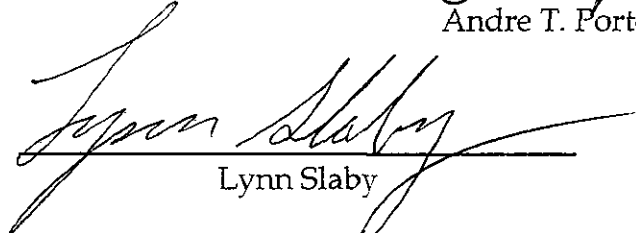
ORDERED, That BFE's 2014 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as BFE has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2014. It is, further,

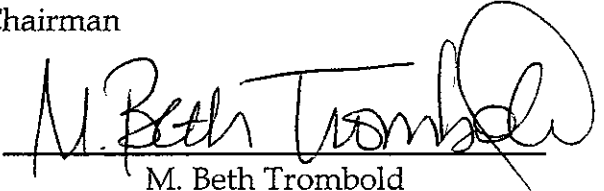
ORDERED, That BFE comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

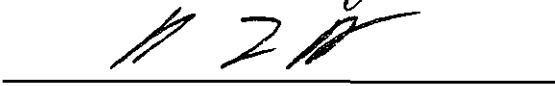
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
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