

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's )  
Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard ) Case No. 14-2328-EL-ACP  
Report to the General Assembly for the )  
2013 Compliance Year. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Am.Sub.S.B. No. 221 (SB221) of the 127th General Assembly (2008 Ohio Laws S221, effective July 31, 2008), created Ohio's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS), now codified in R.C. Chapter 4928. The AEPS contains specific compliance benchmarks for the total renewable energy resources of electric distribution utilities (EDUs) and competitive retail electric service (CRES) providers, including a specific solar requirement.
- (2) R.C. 4928.64(D)(1) requires the Commission to submit a report to the General Assembly describing the compliance of EDUs and CRES providers with R.C. 4928.64(B), including the average annual cost of renewable energy credits (RECs) purchased by EDUs and CRES providers for the compliance year, and any strategy for compliance or for encouraging the use of alternative energy resources in supplying this state's electricity needs in a manner that considers available technology, costs, job creation, and economic impacts. The statute also requires the Commission to solicit and consider public comments on the report prior to its submission to the General Assembly. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-09, provides for a 30-day public comment period prior to the submission of the report to the General Assembly.
- (3) By entry issued February 26, 2015, each EDU and CRES provider with a 2013 AEPS compliance requirement was directed to file by March 12, 2015, the average cost data for the RECs that it has retired, or will be retiring, to demonstrate compliance with its 2013 Ohio AEPS obligations. All reporting companies wanting to protect their average REC cost data for the 2013 compliance year from public disclosure were directed to file the information under seal with a motion for protective order pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-24.

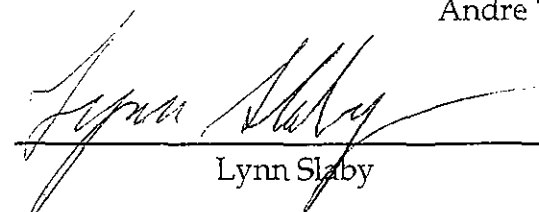

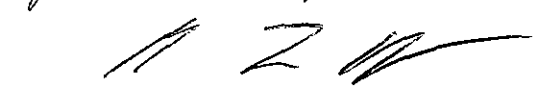
- (4) On November 4, 2015, Staff filed a draft of the 2013 AEPS report in this docket.
- (5) On November 6, 2015, the Attorney Examiner issued an entry granting the properly filed motions for protective order, and directing all interested persons file comments regarding Staff's proposed AEPS report, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-09, by December 7, 2015.
- (6) No comments were timely filed. Accordingly, the AEPS Report for the 2013 Compliance Year should be issued in final form and electronically filed in this docket subsequent to the filing of this order. The report should also be submitted to the Ohio General Assembly in accordance with R.C. 101.68.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the AEPS Report for the 2013 Compliance Year be accepted and submitted to the Ohio General Assembly in accordance with R.C. 101.68. It is, further,

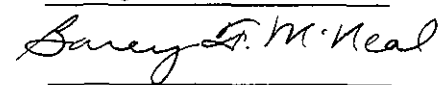
ORDERED, That notice of this Finding and Order be served via the electric-energy listserve, and upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
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