

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2014 of GDF )  
Suez Retail Energy Solutions, LLC dba ) Case No. 15-660-EL-ACP  
Think Energy. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) GDF Suez Retail Energy Solutions, LLC dba Think Energy (Think) 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 8, 2015, Think filed its 2014 AEPS report, stating that it did not have any Ohio retail electric sales during 2014 and therefore did not have a 2014 AEPS obligation.
- (5) On August 18, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Think's AEPS report. Staff reports that Think is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and that Staff has verified Think's assertion that it had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2014. Staff adds that, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-02, because Think did not serve Ohio retail electric customers in 2014, it did not have an AEPS compliance obligation for 2014. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years in which Think utilizes an attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, Think initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its attribute tracking system 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 Think's 2014 AEPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. Further, Think is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

It is, therefore,

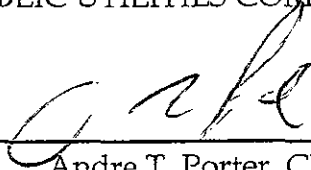
ORDERED, That Think's 2014 AEPS report is accepted as filed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Think comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years. It is, further,

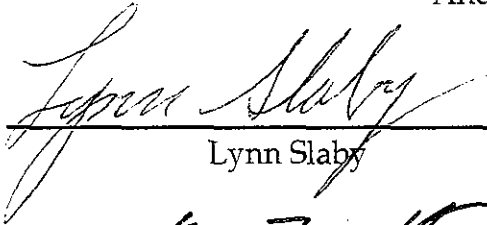
ORDERED, That Think comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

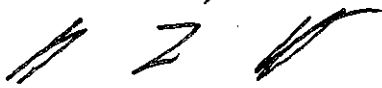
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