

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy)
Portfolio Status Report for 2014 of) Case No. 15-457-EL-ACP
MidAmerican Energy Company.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) 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, MidAmerican filed its 2014 AEPS report, proposing to use a compliance baseline of 219,551 MWH, which it indicated was an average of its Ohio retail electric sales for 2011, 2012, 2013. In addition, MidAmerican reported that it satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations.
- (5) On January 12, 2016, Staff filed a report of its Review and Recommendations for MidAmerican's 2014 AEPS report. Staff reports that MidAmerican is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2014. Staff reviewed MidAmerican's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that MidAmerican has satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations. Staff also observed that MidAmerican had an excess balance of RECs and SRECs because of over-retirements for the 2011 and 2012 compliance years, which MidAmerican did not apply to its 2014 compliance obligations. Staff recommends that MidAmerican be directed to apply its REC and SREC excess balance toward its renewable obligations for the 2015 compliance year. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, MidAmerican initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its attribute tracking system reserve subaccounts between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (6) Upon review of MidAmerican's 2014 AEPS report, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that MidAmerican's 2014 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that MidAmerican has met its compliance obligations for 2014. Further, MidAmerican is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.


It is, therefore,

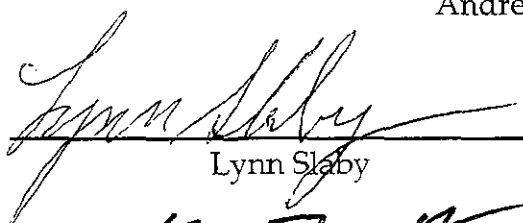
ORDERED, That MidAmerican has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2014, and its 2014 AEPS report is accepted as filed. It is, further,

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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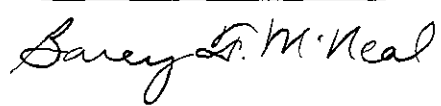
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