

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy )  
Portfolio Status Report for 2014 of Alpha ) Case No. 15-672-EL-ACP  
Gas and Electric, LLC. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Alpha Gas and Electric, LLC (Alpha) 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 14, 2015, Alpha filed its 2014 AEPS report. Alpha proposed a baseline of 2 MWH, which it states corresponded to its actual sales in 2014. Applying the statutory benchmarks to its proposed baseline, Alpha calculated its 2014 compliance obligations to be zero.
- (5) On February 11, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Alpha's AEPS report. Staff reports that Alpha was an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2014. Staff adds that, given Alpha's proposed baseline and the 2014 statutory benchmarks, Alpha accurately calculated its AEPS compliance obligations; because Alpha's baseline is so small, it translated to compliance obligations which Staff would round to zero. Staff also notes that Alpha has not transferred any RECS or SRECS to its reserve subaccount for 2014 compliance purposes. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, Alpha 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 Alpha's 2014 AEPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that Alpha's 2014 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that Alpha's compliance obligation would round to zero for 2014. Further, Alpha is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

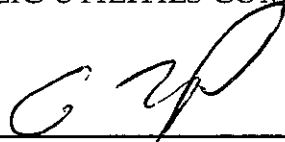
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Alpha's 2014 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as Alpha has no AEPS compliance obligations for 2014. It is, further,

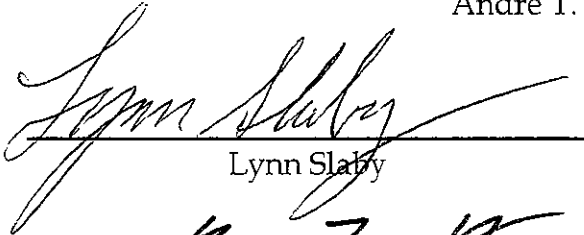
ORDERED, That Alpha comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

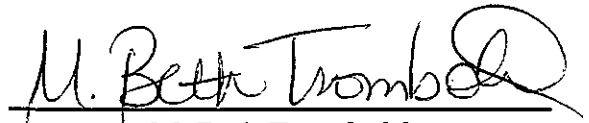
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Andre T. Porter, Chairman



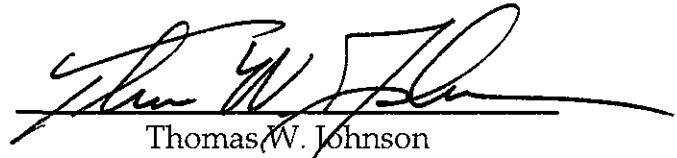
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