## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy	)
Portfolio Status Report for 2014 of	) Casa No. 15 702 EL ACT
Commerce Energy of Ohio, Inc. dba	/ Case No. 15-703-EL-ACF
Just Energy.	)

## FINDING AND ORDER

## The Commission finds:

- (1) Commerce Energy of Ohio, Inc. dba Just Energy (Just Energy) 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.

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(4) On April 10, 2015, Just Energy filed its 2014 AEPS report, proposing to use a compliance baseline of 144,186 MWH, which it indicated was an average of its Ohio retail electric sales for 2012 and 2013. In addition, Just Energy reported that it satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations.

- (5) On February 11, 2016, Staff filed a report of its Review and Recommendations for Just Energy's 2014 AEPS report. Staff reports that Just Energy is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2014. Staff reviewed Just Energy's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that Just Energy has satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, Just Energy 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 Just Energy's 2014 AEPS report, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that Just Energy's 2014 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that Just Energy has met its compliance obligations for 2014. Further, Just Energy is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

It is, therefore,

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

ORDERED, That Just Energy 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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