

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY PORTFOLIO STATUS REPORT FOR
2015 OF MANSFIELD POWER & GAS, LLC.

CASE NO. 16-293-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on June 8, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves the 2015 Alternative Energy Portfolio Status Report of Mansfield Power & Gas, LLC.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Mansfield Power & Gas, LLC (MPG) 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.

{¶ 3} 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).

{¶ 4} 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.

B. Procedural History

{¶ 5} On February 5, 2016, MPG filed its 2015 AEPS report. MPG stated that it did not have any Ohio retail electric sales during 2015 and concluded that, therefore, it did not have any renewable compliance obligations for 2015.

{¶ 6} On April 27, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for MPG's AEPS report. Staff reports that MPG was an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and verified MPG's assertion that it had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2015. Staff concludes that because MPG did not serve Ohio retail electric customers in 2015, it did not have an AEPS compliance obligation in 2015. Staff recommends that the Commission accept MPG's filing with no further actions required. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, MPG 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.

C. Commission Conclusion

{¶ 7} Upon review of MPG's 2015 AEPS report and the record of this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. Further, MPG is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That MPG's 2015 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as MPG did not have an AEPS compliance obligation in 2015. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That MPG comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

Commissioners Voting: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman; Lynn Slaby; Thomas W. Johnson.

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