

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2015 OF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY SERVICES,
LLC.

CASE No. 16-539-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 30, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2015 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC (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.

{¶ 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 a renewable portfolio standard compliance status report

(RPS report), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The RPS 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 March 10, 2016, MidAmerican filed its 2015 RPS report. MidAmerican stated that it did not have any Ohio retail electric sales in 2015 and that, consequently, it did not have any renewable compliance obligations for 2015.

{¶ 6} On June 2, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for MidAmerican's RPS report. Staff reports that MidAmerican was an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS filing obligation for 2015. Staff verified that MidAmerican had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2015 and, consequently, MidAmerican had no RPS compliance obligation in 2015.

C. *Conclusion*

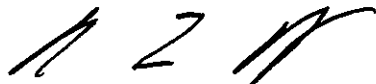
{¶ 7} Upon review of MidAmerican's 2015 RPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

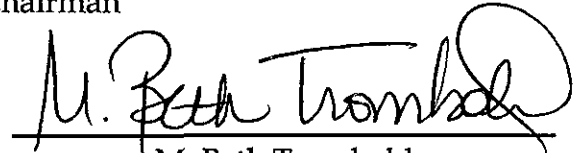
{¶ 9} ORDERED, That MidAmerican's 2015 RPS report be accepted as filed, as MidAmerican has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2015. It is, further,

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

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