

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE NO. 16-804-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on February 1, 2017

I. SUMMARY

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

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} ResCom Energy, LLC (ResCom) 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 April 14, 2016, ResCom filed its 2015 RPS report. ResCom proposes to use a baseline of 1,073 MWH, which it indicated was its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2014, as it had no such sales in 2012 or 2013. ResCom further reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On July 27, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for ResCom's RPS report. Staff reports that ResCom is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an RPS obligation for 2015. Staff reviewed ResCom's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that ResCom satisfied its 2015 RPS compliance obligations. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, ResCom 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 RPS report with the Commission. Finally, Staff notes that, in ResCom's 2014 compliance status report, ResCom calculated its baseline according to its 2014 total MWH sold, while ResCom's 2015 report calculates a baseline by averaging MWH sold in the preceding three calendar years. Staff reminds ResCom that because it switched to the three preceding years' average for its baseline, R.C. 4928.643(A) requires that ResCom must continue to calculate its baseline in the same way for at least three consecutive years before changing to another methodology.

C. Conclusion

{¶ 7} Upon review of ResCom's 2015 RPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that ResCom's 2015 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that ResCom has met its compliance obligations for

2015. Further, ResCom is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

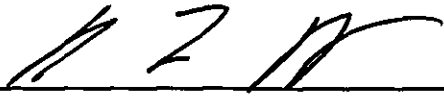
{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

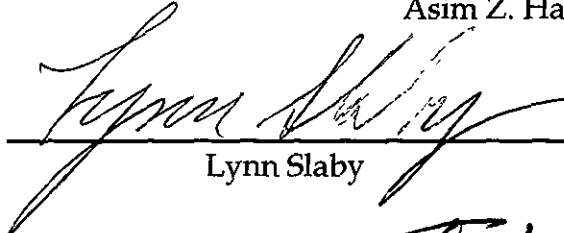
{¶ 9} ORDERED, That ResCom's 2015 RPS report be accepted as filed, as ResCom has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2015. It is, further,

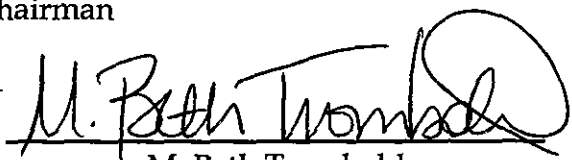
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That ResCom comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

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