

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2015 OF ENERGY
SERVICES PROVIDERS, INC., DBA OHIO
GAS & ELECTRIC.

CASE NO. 16-811-EL-ACP

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
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SERVICES PROVIDERS, INC., DBA OHIO
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CASE NO. 16-815-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 8, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2015 renewable portfolio standard compliance status reports of Energy Services Providers, Inc. dba Ohio Gas & Electric.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Energy Services Providers, Inc., dba Ohio Gas & Electric (OGE) 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} The Commission initially notes that OGE inadvertently filed its 2015 compliance report twice, as the same information appears in Case Nos. 16-811-EL-ACP and 16-815-EL-ACP. Both cases were filed on April 14, 2015. OGE proposes a baseline of 4,224 MWH, which it asserts were its actual sales for 2015. OGE reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On December 12, 2016 Staff filed a report of its Review and Recommendations for OGE's 2015 RPS report. Staff reports that OGE is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2015. Staff reviewed OGE's attribute tracking system record to verify compliance, and determined that OGE satisfied its 2015 compliance obligation. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, OGE 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.

C. *Conclusion*

{¶ 7} Upon review of OGE's 2015 RPS report, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that OGE's 2015 proposed

compliance baselines is reasonable, and that OGE has met its 2015 compliance obligations. Finally, OGE is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

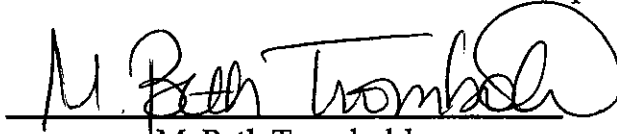
{¶ 9} ORDERED, That OGE's 2015 RPS report is accepted as filed, as OGE has met its RPS compliance obligation for 2015. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That OGE complies 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.

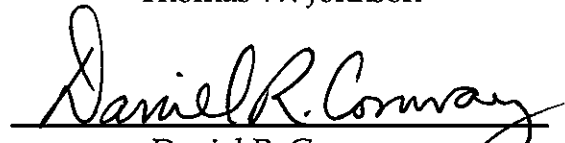
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