

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE No. 16-778-EL-ACP

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2016 OF NORDIC
ENERGY SERVICES, LLC.**

CASE No. 17-973-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on March 28, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2015 and 2016 renewable portfolio standard compliance status reports of Nordic Energy Services, LLC.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Nordic Energy Services, LLC (Nordic) 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.

{¶ 5} On April 12, 2016, Nordic filed its 2015 RPS report, proposing to use a compliance baseline of 19,847 MWH, which it indicated was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013 and 2014. Nordic had zero Ohio retail electric sales in 2012. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-03(B)(2)(a) establishes how the baseline shall be calculated in a situation in which an electric services company has not been continuously supplying Ohio retail electric customers during the preceding three calendar years, indicating that, in such cases, the baseline shall be computed as an average of annual sales data for all calendar years during the preceding three years in which the electric services company was serving retail customers. Nordic reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On April 12, 2017, Nordic filed its 2016 RPS report, proposing to use a compliance baseline of 63,125 MWH, which it indicated was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013, 2014, and 2015. Nordic reported that it satisfied its 2016 compliance obligations.

{¶ 7} On December 21, 2017, Staff filed a report of its Review and Recommendations for Nordic's 2015 and 2016 RPS reports. Staff reports that Nordic is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for

2015 and 2016. Staff reviewed Nordic's attribute tracking system record to verify compliance, and determined that Nordic satisfied its 2015 and 2016 compliance obligations. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, Nordic initiate the transfer of 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.

{¶ 8} Upon review of Nordic's 2015 and 2016 RPS reports, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that Nordic's 2015 and 2016 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that Nordic has met its compliance obligations for 2015 and 2016. Further, Nordic is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Nordic's 2015 and 2016 RPS reports are accepted as filed, as Nordic has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2015 and 2016. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That Nordic comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years. It is, further,

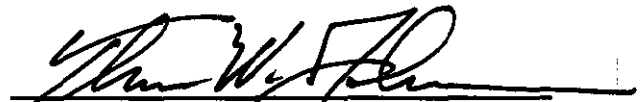
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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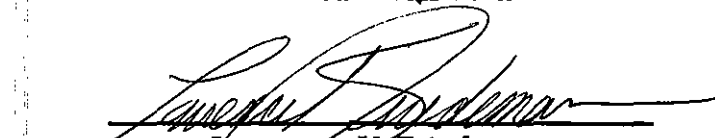
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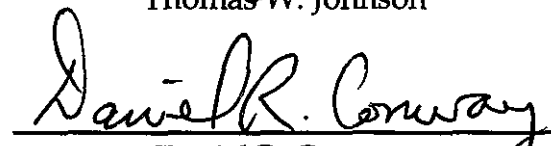
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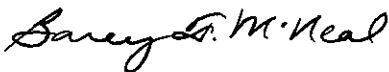


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