

Revised facility information for Zeeland Renewable Energy Co-Generating Station Plant in Case 14-0506-EL-REN

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Overview

On March 28, 2014 Zeeland Farm Services (ZFS) submitted an application to register their landfill gas to energy facility as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility. The commission reviewed and certified this application on May 28, 2014 by issuing certificate # 14-BIO-MI-GATS-0208. This certificate is for the ZFS facility that is composed of two separate plants. On July 25, 2014, ZFS submitted revised facility information requesting that the application be amended to reflect only one of the two plants, Plant One, to correct a tracking system error. ZFS is now requesting that the original application of March 28, 2014 be listed as the correct application and the previous restrictions removed.

Background

The ZFS facility is composed of two separate plants; Plant One, a 1.6MW landfill gas generator that came online in 2006, and Plant Two, a 1.6MW landfill gas generator that came online in 2009. Plant One was under a Power Purchase Agreement until March of 2013. At that time the owners elected to utilize the power for their own industrial needs and retain the RECs for themselves. Plant Two was under a PPA with Consumers Energy (regional utility) until October 12, 2016. ZFS on the original applicated elected to register both plants as one facility in preparation for when Plant Two comes off its PPA.

Unknown to ZFS, Consumer's Energy had registered Plant Two on MIRECs to use Plant Two RECs in the Michigan RPS. This caused an issue with registering in GATS as a generating facility can only be in one tracking system at a time. For this reason, ZFS on July 25, 2014 revised their application to only Plant One, and not the entire facility, by submitting revised facility information to the Commission.

Currently, both plants are powering the ZFS facility and ZFS has full title to all the RECs produced by the combined facility. The information contained in the original application is now reflective of the current situation. Further, Plant Two has been removed from MIRECs, making the facility, in its entirety, eligible for an updated listing on the PJM-GATS and for use in the Ohio RPS.

Changes to Application

ZFS requests that the commission invalidate the 07/25/14 revised information as of January 1, 2018 and revert to the original application for this facility. No material changes have occurred at the facility since the date of the original 03/28/14 application other than the termination of the PPA for Plant 2.

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