

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2014 OF DIRECT
ENERGY BUSINESS MARKETING, LLC.

CASE No. 15-728-EL-ACP

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

CASE No. 16-762-EL-ACP

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2016 OF DIRECT
ENERGY BUSINESS MARKETING, LLC.

CASE No. 17-958-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on June 6, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2014, 2015, and 2016 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC (DEBM) 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 15, 2015, DEBM filed its 2014 RPS report. DEBM proposes to use a baseline of 560,522 MWH, which it indicated was its Ohio retail electric sales for 2014. DEBM further reported that it satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On April 12, 2016, DEBM filed its 2015 RPS report. DEBM proposes to use a baseline of 747,050 MWH, which it indicated was its Ohio retail electric sales for 2015. DEBM further reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 7} On April 13, 2017, DEBM filed its 2016 RPS report. DEBM proposes to use a baseline of 715,157 MWH, which it indicated was its Ohio retail electric sales for 2016. DEBM further reported that it satisfied its 2016 compliance obligations.

{¶ 8} On March 28, 2018, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for DEBM's RPS reports. Staff states that DEBM is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an RPS obligation for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Staff reviewed DEBM's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that DEBM satisfied its 2014, 2015, and 2016 RPS compliance obligations. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, DEBM 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.

{¶ 9} Upon review of DEBM's 2014, 2015, and 2016 RPS reports and the records of this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that DEBM's 2014, 2015, and 2016 proposed compliance baselines are reasonable, and that DEBM has met its compliance obligations for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Further, DEBM is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

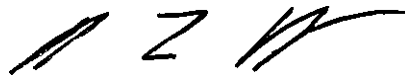
{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That DEBM's 2014, 2015, and 2016 RPS reports be accepted as filed, as DEBM has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2014, 2015, and 2016. It is, further,

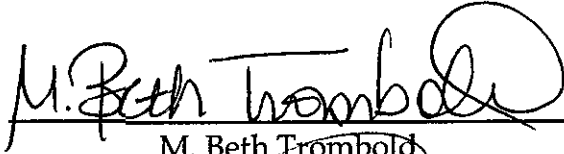
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That DEBM comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

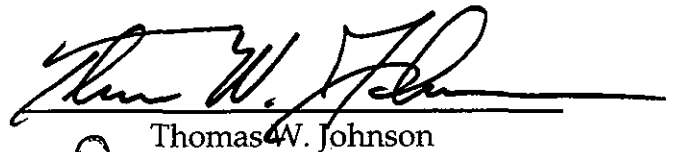
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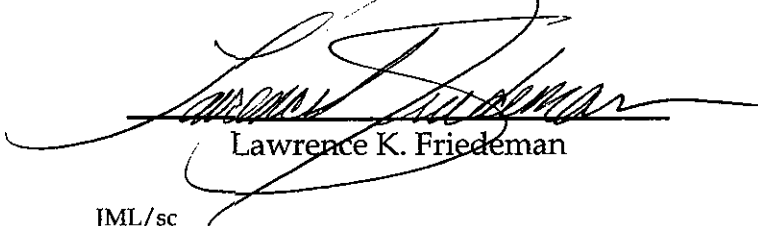
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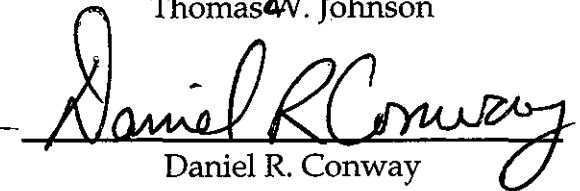
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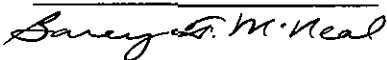


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