

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE  
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE  
STATUS REPORT FOR 2018 OF HUDSON  
ENERGY SERVICES, LLC.

CASE NO. 19-886-EL-ACP

## FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on February 13, 2020

### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2018 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of Hudson Energy Services, LLC.

### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Hudson Energy Services, LLC (HES) 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, 2019, HES filed its 2018 RPS report. HES proposes a baseline of 367,178 MWH, which it asserted was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2015, 2016, and 2017. HES further reported that it satisfied its 2018 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On June 7, 2019, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for HES's RPS report. Staff reports that HES is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2018. Staff determined that HES accurately calculated its 2018 RPS compliance obligations. Staff reviewed HES's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance and determined that HES satisfied its 2018 RPS compliance obligations.

{¶ 7} Upon review of HES's 2018 RPS report and the records of this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that HES's 2018 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that HES has met its compliance obligations for 2018.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That HES's 2018 RPS report be accepted as filed, as HES has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2018. It is, further,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman

M. Beth Trombold

Lawrence K. Friedeman

Daniel R. Conway

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