

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Mike)
Donnell for Certification as an Eligible)
Ohio Renewable Energy Resource) Case No. 10-2320-EL-REN
Generating Facility.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On October 8, 2010, as supplemented on October 26, 2010, Mike Donnell (Applicant) filed an application for certification of his residence, at 14 Rock Ridge Avenue, Paradise, PA 17562 (Donnell), as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility.
- (2) Rule 4901:1-40-04(F)(2), Ohio Administrative Code, (O.A.C.), provides for automatic approval for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, unless the Commission suspends the application within 60 days. Donnell's application was suspended on November 24, 2010. The application was supplemented on December 28, 2010.
- (3) Consistent with Sections 4928.64 and 4928.65, Revised Code, in order to qualify as a certified eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, a facility must demonstrate in its application that it has satisfied all of the following criteria:
 - (a) The generation produced by the renewable energy resource generating facility can be shown to be deliverable into the state of Ohio, pursuant to Section 4928.64(B)(3), Revised Code.
 - (b) The resource to be utilized in the generating facility is recognized as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Sections 4928.64(A)(1) and 4928.01(A)(35), Revised Code, or a new technology that may be classified by the Commission as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Section 4928.64(A)(2), Revised Code.
 - (c) The facility must satisfy the applicable placed-in-service date, delineated in Section 4928.64(A)(1), Revised Code.

- (4) Applicant submitted for certification a .00546 MW solar photovoltaic system located at Applicant's residence. The application indicates that Donnell is a distributed generation facility with an existing net metering and interconnection agreement with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation. The application explains that the facility is within the geographic area of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. The application represents that, based upon its location in a state geographically contiguous to Ohio, the electricity generated from Donnell is deliverable into Ohio. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the application satisfies the first criterion.
- (5) In the application, Applicant indicates that Donnell utilizes a solar photovoltaic system as one of its energy resources. Solar photovoltaic energy is specifically recognized as a renewable resource pursuant to Section 4928.01(A)(35), Revised Code. Therefore, the Commission finds that the second criterion is satisfied.
- (6) Applicant further indicates in the application that the placed-in-service date for Donnell was June 16, 2010, which satisfies the requirement of Section 4928.64(A)(1), Revised Code. As such, the Commission finds that Donnell meets the third criterion.
- (7) Given that the application demonstrates that Donnell satisfies the requisite statutory criteria to become certified as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, as well as the Commission's rules, the Commission finds that the application should be approved. This approval is subject to the facility properly acquiring and maintaining all required local, state, and environmental permits.
- (8) In addition to satisfying the above-cited criteria, Section 4928.65, Revised Code, requires a renewable energy resource generating facility to be registered with an approved attribute tracking system, such as the Generation Attribute Tracking System (GATS), or the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS), for the facility's renewable energy credits to be used for compliance with Ohio's alternative energy portfolio standards. Applicant included the GATS identification number assigned to Donnell in the application.

- (9) Donnell is hereby issued certification number 11-SPV-PA-GATS-0085 as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility. In the event of any substantive changes in the facility's operational characteristics, or significant changes in the information provided in the application, Applicant must notify the Commission within 30 days of such changes. Failure to do so may result in revocation of Hurst's certification.


It is, therefore,


ORDERED, That the application for certification of Donnell as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility be granted as set forth herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Donnell be issued certification number 11-SPV-PA-GATS-0085 in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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