

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of quasar-Zanesville Energy )  
for Certification as an Eligible Ohio ) Case No. 10-692-EL-REN  
Renewable Energy Resource Generating )  
Facility. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On May 24, 2010, quasar-Zanesville Energy (Applicant) filed an application for certification of its facility, at 6400 Maysville Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701 (quasar-Zanesville), 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. Quasar-Zanesville's application was suspended on July 20, 2010. The application was supplemented on October 21, 2010 and again on May 12, 13, and 18, 2011.
- (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 seeks certification of a 910 kW generating unit. The application indicates that quasar-Zanesville is a distributed generation facility interconnected without net metering with Ohio Power Company, a subsidiary of American Electric Power. The application explains that the facility is within the geographic area of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Based upon the application, and the facility's location in Ohio, the electricity generated from quasar-Zanesville is deliverable into Ohio. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the application satisfies the first criterion.
- (5) The second criterion requires that the resource to be utilized in the generating facility be recognized as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Sections 4928.64(A)(1) and 4928.01(A)(35), Revised Code, or else be a new technology classified by the Commission as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Section 4928.64(A)(2), Revised Code. Biomass energy is specifically recognized as a renewable energy resource pursuant to Section 4928.01(A)(35), Revised Code. The biomass energy materials quasar-Zanesville proposes to use, specifically biomethane derived from biosolids, fats, oils, grease, and unused food waste, meet the definition of biomass energy contained in Rule 4901:1-40-01(E), O.A.C. Therefore, the Commission finds that the second criterion is satisfied.

- (6) Applicant further indicates in the application that the placed-in-service date for quasar-Zanesville was March 18, 2011, which satisfies the requirement of Section 4928.01(A)(1), Revised Code. As such, the Commission finds that quasar-Zanesville meets the third criterion.
- (7) Given that the application demonstrates that quasar-Zanesville 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.
- (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. In its application, quasar-Zanesville indicated that it intends to register with GATS.
- (9) Quasar-Zanesville is hereby issued certification number 11-BIO-OH-GATS-1553 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 quasar-Zanesville's certification.

It is, therefore,

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


ORDERED, That quasar-Zanesville be issued its certification number in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

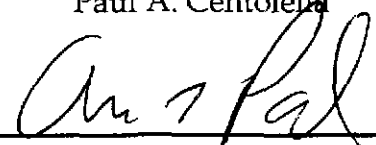
ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

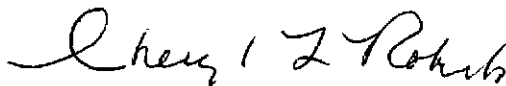
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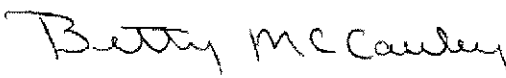
  
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