

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Annual Alternative)
Energy Portfolio Status Report of) Case No. 12-1071-EL-ACP
Vectren Retail, LLC.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Vectren Retail, LLC d/b/a Vectren Source (Vectren) is an electric services company as defined in Section 4928.01(A)(9), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) Section 4928.64(B), Revised Code, establishes benchmarks for electric services companies to acquire a portion of their electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. Specifically, the statute requires that, for 2011, a portion of the electricity sold by means of retail electric sales in Ohio must come from alternative energy resources (overall renewable energy resources benchmark), half of which must be met with resources located within Ohio (in-state renewable energy resources benchmark), and including 0.030 percent from solar energy resources (overall solar energy resources (SER) benchmark), half of which must be met with resources located within Ohio (in-state SER benchmark). This requirement increased to 0.060 percent for 2012.
- (3) Rule 4901:1-40-05(A), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), requires that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, each electric services company file by April 15 of each year an annual alternative energy portfolio status report. The report must analyze all activities the company undertook in the previous year in order to demonstrate how pertinent alternative energy portfolio benchmarks and planning requirements have been or will be met. Additionally,

Commission Staff (Staff) must conduct an annual compliance review with regard to the benchmarks. Finally, Rule 4901:1-40-02(A), O.A.C., provides that electric services companies that do not serve Ohio retail electric customers are not required to comply with the terms of the alternative energy portfolio benchmarks.


- (4) On March 27, 2012, Vectren filed its 2011 alternative energy portfolio status report, pursuant to Section 4928.64, Revised Code, and Rule 4901:1-40-05(A), O.A.C. In its report, Vectren indicates that, during 2011, it did not conduct any retail electric sales in Ohio.
- (5) On August 6, 2012, Staff filed findings and recommendations regarding Vectren's alternative energy portfolio status report. Staff reports that it has independently verified Vectren's claim that it did not conduct retail electric generation sales in Ohio during 2011. Staff concludes that, consequently, Vectren had no compliance obligation in 2011. Staff recommends that Vectren's filing be accepted and that no further steps be required.
- (6) Upon review of Vectren's alternative energy portfolio status report and Staff's findings and recommendations, the Commission finds that Vectren had no compliance obligation with respect to the alternative energy portfolio standards in 2011, as it did not conduct retail electric generation sales in Ohio during 2011, and that Vectren's 2011 alternative energy portfolio status report should be accepted.

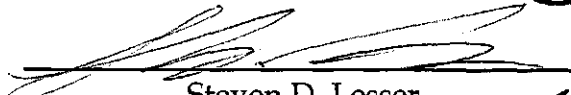
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Vectren's alternative energy portfolio status report for 2011 be accepted in accordance with finding (6). It is, further,

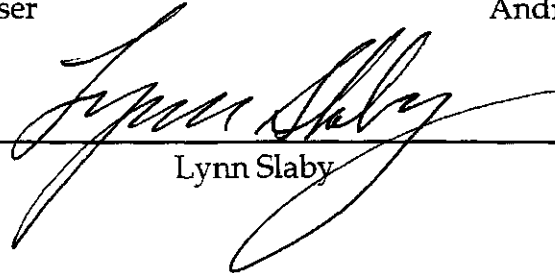
ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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