

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Janet Blum for Certification as an Eligible)
Ohio Renewable Energy Resource) Case No. 14-1314-EL-REN
Generating Facility.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On July 30, 2014, Janet Blum (Applicant) filed an application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility.
- (2) Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(F)(2), an application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility is subject to a 60-day automatic approval process. The rule also provides that, upon good cause shown, the Commission may suspend an application during the 60-day approval process.
- (3) On September 26, 2014, the attorney examiner suspended the application in order for the Commission and Commission Staff to further review the application.
- (4) Consistent with R.C. 4928.64 and 4928.65, 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 R.C. 4928.64(B)(3).
 - (b) The resource to be utilized in the generating facility is recognized as a qualifying renewable energy resource pursuant to R.C. 4928.64(A)(1) and 4928.01(A)(37), or a new technology that may be classified by the Commission as a renewable energy resource pursuant to R.C. 4928.64(A)(2).

- (c) The facility must satisfy the applicable placed-in-service date, delineated in R.C. 4928.64(A)(1).
- (5) This application seeks to certify a solar photovoltaic array installed on the roof of the applicant's residence in Telford, Pennsylvania, within the geographic area of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. The application indicates that this facility is distributed generation with a net metering and interconnection agreement with PPL Electric Utilities, and has been certified as an eligible generating resource to meet the renewable portfolio standards of the state of Pennsylvania. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the application satisfies the first criterion.
- (6) The application seeks certification of a solar photovoltaic system. Solar photovoltaic energy is specifically recognized as a renewable resource pursuant to R.C. 4928.01(A)(37). Therefore, the Commission finds that the second criterion is satisfied.
- (7) The application indicates that the placed-in-service date for this system was after January 1, 1998, which satisfies the requirement of R.C. 4928.64(A)(1). As such, the Commission finds that the application meets the third criterion.
- (8) On December 18, 2014, Commission Staff filed a Review and Recommendation recommending that the application be approved.
- (9) Given that the application demonstrates that its facility satisfies the requisite statutory criteria to become certified as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, as well as the Commission's rules and Staff's Review and Recommendation, 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.
- (10) In addition to satisfying the above-cited criteria, R.C. 4928.645(B)(2) requires a qualifying 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). The application indicates that the facility is registered with GATS.


- (11) Accordingly, the rooftop solar photovoltaic system installed on the residence of Janet Blum in Telford, Pennsylvania will be certified 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, the applicant or owner must notify the Commission within thirty days of such changes. Failure to do so may result in revocation of this certification.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Commission's Docketing Division issue the applicant a certificate as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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