

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Border Energy Electric Service, Inc. For)	
Approval of its Alternative Energy)	Case No. 15-0723-EL-ACP
Annual Status Report)	
)	

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 4901:1-40-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code (“O.A.C.”), Border Energy Electric Services, (“Border”) submits its Annual Status Report (“Report”) for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (“Reporting Period”). This Report addresses Border’s compliance with the alternative energy portfolio benchmarks set forth in R.C. § 4928.64(B) (2) for the Reporting Period.

Border is in compliance with its statutory non-solar and solar Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (“AEPS”) requirements for 2014. As demonstrated below, Border met its requirements by obtaining Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) and retiring those RECs in the PJM Generation Attribute Tracking System (“GATS”) using the Reserve subaccount.¹

II. COMPLIANCE WITH 2014 BENCHMARKS

O.A.C. 4901:1-40-05(A) requires that each electric utility and electric services company file “an annual alternative energy portfolio status report analyzing all activities undertaken in the previous calendar year to demonstrate how the applicable alternative energy portfolio benchmarks and planning requirements have or will be met.” O.A.C. 4901:1-40-05(A) also requires that the Commission Staff conduct an annual compliance review of the electric utility or

¹ REC retirement data is available to Staff through the GATS system.

electric services company's compliance with benchmarks under the alternative energy portfolio standard.

R.C. 4928.64(B) (2) and O.A.C. 4901:1-40-03(A) contain the alternative energy benchmarks applicable to electric services companies such as Border. By 2026, Border must provide twelve and half percent of its electricity from alternative energy resources. R.C. § 4928.64(B). One half of one percent must be supplied from renewable energy resources. R.C. § 4928.64(B) (2). The law further requires that at least one-half percent of the twelve and half percent must be supplied from solar energy resources by 2026. *Id.* The law sets annual benchmarks for both renewable energy and solar energy. *Id.* For 2014, Border was required to supply 2.5% of its electricity supply from renewable energy resources and 0.12% of its electricity supply from solar energy resources. The Commission's rules require that renewable and solar energy resources implemented by Border must be met through facilities located in Ohio, or shall be met with resources that can be shown to be delivered into Ohio. *Id.* 4901:1-40-03(A)(2)(a).

A. Initial Baseline Calculation

Ordinarily, an electric service company's baseline is to be computed by averaging the number of kilowatt-hours sold during the three preceding calendar years. Border reported a sales volume for 2011, 2012 and 2013 of 527,934 MWH.

A. Non-Solar Benchmark

Border was able to meet one hundred percent of its non-solar Ohio AEPS compliance obligations in 2014. The Company acted diligently and proactively to procure RECs from existing renewable resources located within the borders of the state of Ohio and adjacent states to demonstrate compliance with this portion of the compliance obligation. These RECs were

retired in GATS using the Reserve subaccount. **Table 1** below indicates Border Compliance with Border's non-solar benchmarks.

B. Solar Benchmark

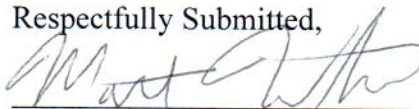
Border was able to meet one hundred percent of its solar Ohio AEPS compliance obligations in 2014. The Company acted diligently and proactively to procure SRECs from solar resources located within the borders of the state of Ohio and adjacent states to demonstrate compliance. These SRECs were retired in GATS using the Reserve subaccount. **Table 1** below indicates Border's compliance with its solar benchmarks.

Table 1			
Year	Actual Load (MWhrs)	Non-Solar	Solar
2014	527,934	12,565	634

IV. CONCLUSION

As demonstrated above, Border achieved full compliance with the 2014 renewable energy benchmark in R.C. § 4928.64(B)(2).

Respectfully Submitted,



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