## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy ) Portfolio Status Report for 2013 of ) Case No. 14-693-EL-ACP Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. )

## FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. (ConEd) is an electric services company as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(9) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4928.64(B)(2) establishes benchmarks for electric services companies to acquire a portion of their electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. R.C. 4928.645 provides that an electric utility or electric services company may use renewable energy credits (RECs) and solar energy credits (SRECs) to meet its respective renewable energy and solar benchmarks. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-01(BB) defines a REC as the environmental attributes associated with one megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity generated by a renewable energy resource, except for electricity generated by facilities as described in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(E).
- (3) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-05(A) requires each electric services company to annually file by April 15 an alternative energy portfolio status report (AEPS report), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The AEPS report must analyze all activities the company undertook in the previous year in order to demonstrate how pertinent alternative energy portfolio benchmarks have been met. Staff then conducts an annual compliance review of the company's filing and records on the applicable attribute tracking system to ensure that RECs were sourced from generating facilities certified by the Commission and were appropriately associated with electricity generated for the compliance period.

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- (4) On April 16, 2014, ConEd filed its 2013 AEPS report. In its report, ConEd stated that it did not serve retail customers during any of the three preceding years. Thereafter, on August 5, 2014, ConEd filed a correspondence regarding its 2013 AEPS report indicating that it was seeking a waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-03(B)(2)(b) because it did not serve retail customers during any of the three preceding years. Subsequently, on January 16 and 23, 2015, ConEd filed amended 2013 AEPS reports. In its amended reports, ConEd proposes a baseline of 2,552 MWh, which reflects its actual Ohio retail sales for 2013. ConEd avers that it has satisfied its 2013 compliance obligations through the purchase of RECs and SRECs.
- (5) April 2015, Staff filed Review On 1, its and Recommendations for ConEd's AEPS report. Staff reports that ConEd is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2013. Staff reports that ConEd accurately calculated its AEPS compliance requirements. Staff reviewed ConEd's GATS account record to verify compliance, and determined that the Company has satisfied its 2013 AEPS compliance obligations. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, the Company initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its GATS reserve subaccount between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (6) Upon review of ConEd's AEPS report and the record in this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that ConEd's 2013 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that ConEd has met its compliance obligations for 2013. Further, ConEd is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That ConEd's 2013 AEPS report be accepted as filed, as ConEd has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2013. It is, further,

ORDERED, That ConEd comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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