

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Alternative Energy)
Portfolio Status Reports for 2012 and 2013) Case No. 13-919-EL-ACP
of AEP Energy, Inc.) Case No. 14-585-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) AEP Energy, Inc. (AEP Energy or the Company) 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 the records of 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.

- (4) On April 15, 2013, AEP Energy filed its 2012 AEPS report in Case No. 13-919-EL-ACP, in which the Company proposed to use its Ohio retail electric sales for 2011 as its compliance baseline, and reported that it has satisfied its 2012 compliance obligations.
- (5) On April 15, 2014, AEP Energy filed its 2013 AEPS report in Case No. 14-585-EL-ACP in which the Company calculated its compliance baseline to be 970,805 MWh, the average of its jurisdictional sales for 2011 and 2012, and asserted that it has satisfied its 2013 compliance obligations.
- (6) On April 25, 2015, Staff filed a report of its Review and Recommendations for AEP Energy's 2012 and 2013 AEPS reports. Staff reports that AEP Energy is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an AEPS obligation for 2012 and 2013. Staff reviewed the Company's AEPS reports and REC tracking accounts to verify compliance, and determined that AEP Energy has satisfied its 2012 and 2013 AEPS compliance obligations. Further, Staff noted that the Company had excess RECs not needed for 2013 compliance, and recommends that the excess be applied to future non-solar compliance obligations. For future compliance years, Staff recommends that AEP Energy initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its REC tracking accounts between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual AEPS report with the Commission.
- (7) Upon review of the Company's 2012 and 2013 AEPS reports, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that AEP Energy's 2012 and 2013 proposed compliance baselines are reasonable, that AEP Energy has met its compliance obligations for 2012 and 2013. Further, the Company is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

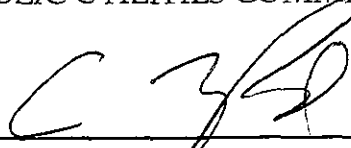
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AEP Energy has met its AEPS compliance obligations for 2012 and 2013, and its 2012 and 2013 AEPS reports are accepted as filed. It is, further,

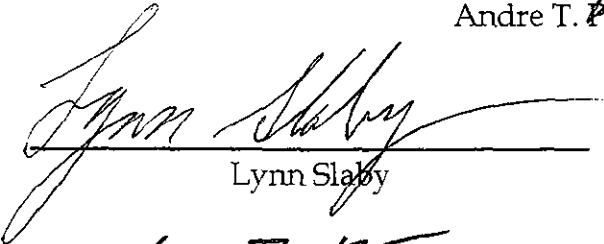
ORDERED, That AEP Energy comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

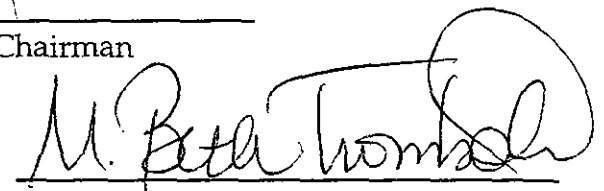
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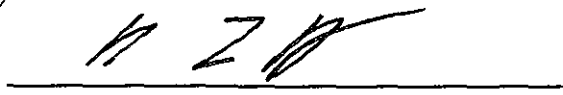
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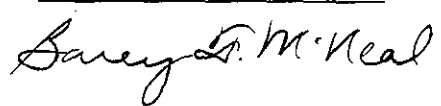


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