

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2015 OF XOOM
ENERGY OHIO, LLC.

CASE No. 16-793-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 8, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2015 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of Xoom Energy Ohio, LLC.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Xoom Energy Ohio LLC (Xoom) 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.

{¶ 3} 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).

{¶ 4} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-05(A) requires each electric services company to annually file by April 15 a renewable portfolio standard compliance status report (RPS report), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The RPS 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.

B. Procedural History

{¶ 5} On April 15, 2016, Xoom filed its 2015 RPS report. Xoom reported no Ohio retail electric sales for 2012 and 2013. Xoom proposes to use a baseline that represents its actual annual Ohio retail electric sales for 2014; the baseline was redacted from Xoom's filing. Xoom further reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On December 8, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Xoom's RPS report. Staff reports that Xoom is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2015. Staff notes that in its 2014 RPS report, Xoom calculated its baseline in accordance with R.C. 4928.643(B), based on Xoom's total sales in the 2014 compliance year. For 2015, Staff adds, Xoom opted to calculate its baseline in accordance with R.C. 4928.643(A), using the average of its annual sales in the preceding three calendar years. Staff adds that by calculating its baseline differently for 2015, Xoom must continue to use the same baseline methodology for at least three consecutive compliance years. Staff reviewed Xoom's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that Xoom satisfied its 2015 RPS compliance obligations. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, Xoom initiate the transfer of the appropriate RECs and SRECs to its attribute tracking system reserve subaccount between March 1 and April 15 so as to precede the filing of its annual RPS report with the Commission.

C. Commission Conclusion

{¶ 7} Upon review of Xoom's 2015 RPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that Xoom's 2015 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that Xoom has met its compliance obligations for 2015. Further, Xoom is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Xoom's 2015 RPS report be accepted as filed, as Xoom has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2015. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Xoom comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,


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

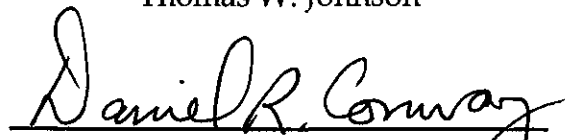
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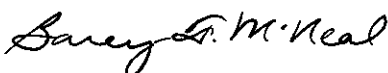

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