

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2015 OF STAR
ENERGY PARTNERS

CASE NO. 16-800-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 Star Energy Partners.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Star Energy Partners (Star) 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 14, 2016, Star filed its 2015 RPS report. Star proposes to use a baseline of 42,472 MWH, which it indicated was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013 and 2014; Star indicated it had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2012. Star further reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On December 9, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Star's RPS report. Staff reports that Star is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2015. Staff determined that the baseline proposed by Star was calculated inaccurately and that the baseline should be 52,180 MWH. Staff reviewed Star's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that Star satisfied its 2015 RPS compliance obligations. Staff noted that because Star retired more RECs and SRECs than were necessary to satisfy its 2015 RPS compliance obligations, the excess RECs and SRECs should be applied to a future compliance obligation. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, Star 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 Star's 2015 RPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that Star's 2015 proposed compliance baseline, as corrected by Staff, is reasonable, and that Star has met its compliance obligations for 2015. Further, Star is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

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

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

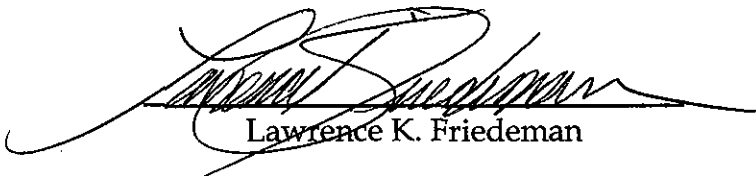
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

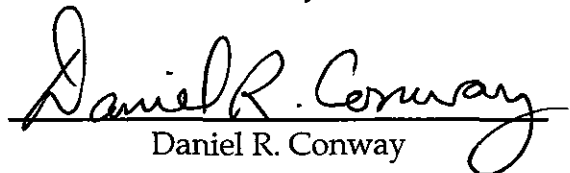
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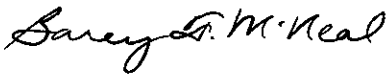

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