

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2014 OF LAND O'
LAKES, INC.

CASE NO. 15-641-EL-ACP

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2015 OF LAND O'
LAKES, INC.

CASE NO. 16-1124-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on January 3, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2014 and 2015 renewable portfolio standard compliance status reports of Land O' Lakes, Inc.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Land O' Lakes, Inc. (LOL) 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 1, 2015, LOL filed its 2014 RPS report, proposing to use a compliance baseline of 1,324 MWH, which it indicated was its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013. LOL explained that 2013 was the only year that it had sales during the prior three years. LOL reported that it satisfied its 2014 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On May 19, 2016, LOL filed its 2015 RPS report. LOL proposes to use a compliance baseline of 7,067 MWH, which it indicated was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013 and 2014. LOL explained that 2013 and 2014 are the only two of the prior three years in which it had sales. LOL reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 7} On February 28, 2017, Staff filed a report of its Review and Recommendations for LOL's 2014 and 2015 RPS reports. Staff reports that LOL is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2014 and 2015. Staff reviewed LOL's attribute tracking system record to verify compliance, and determined that LOL satisfied its 2014 and 2015 compliance obligations. Staff notes that for compliance year 2014, LOL retired two extra RECs; for compliance year 2015, LOL retired nine extra RECS. Staff recommends that the extra 2014-2015 RECs be available for the 2016 or 2017 compliance years. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, LOL 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. Conclusion

{¶ 8} Upon review of LOL's 2014 and 2015 RPS reports, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that LOL's 2014 and 2015 proposed compliance baselines are reasonable, and that LOL has met its 2014 and 2015 compliance obligations. Finally, LOL is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

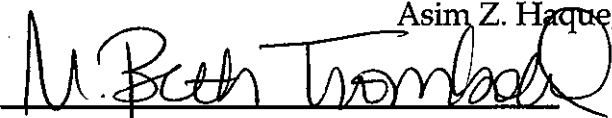
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That LOL's 2014 and 2015 RPS reports are accepted as filed, as LOL has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2014 and 2015. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That LOL complies with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

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

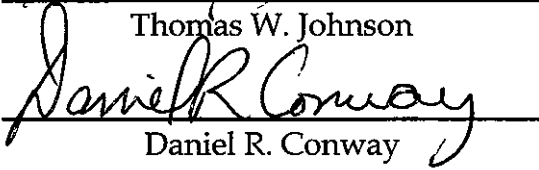
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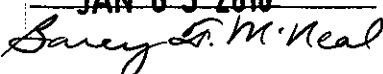

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