

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2015 OF WESTERN
RESERVE ENERGY SERVICES, LLC.

CASE NO. 17-824-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on February 28, 2018

I. SUMMARY

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

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law*

{¶ 2} Western Reserve Energy Services, LLC (Western Reserve) 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 10, 2017, Western Reserve filed its 2015 RPS report. Western Reserve proposed a baseline of 43,258 MWH, which it asserted was its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2015. Western Reserve further reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On December 4, 2017, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Western Reserve's RPS report. Staff reports that Western Reserve is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an RPS obligation for 2015. Staff reviewed Western Reserve's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that Western Reserve satisfied its 2015 RPS compliance obligations. Further, Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, Western Reserve 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. Staff also recommends that Western Reserve should file its RPS compliance reports for the 2017 compliance year by April 15, 2018.

C. *Commission Conclusion*

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

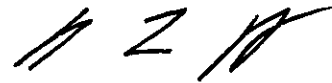
III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

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

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Western Reserve 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.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

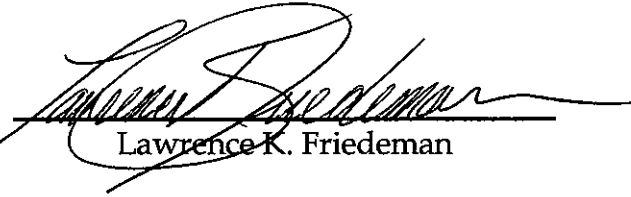
Asim Z. Haque, Chairman



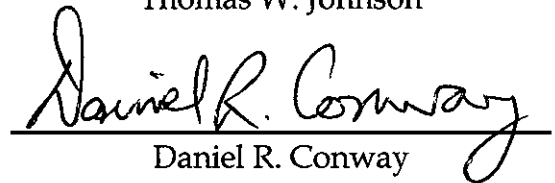
M. Beth Trombold



Thomas W. Johnson



Lawrence K. Friedeman



Daniel R. Conway

DEF/sc

Entered in the Journal

FEB 28 2018



Barcy F. McNeal
Secretary