

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE NO. 16-810-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on April 18, 2018

I. SUMMARY

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

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Switch Energy, LLC (Switch) 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.

{¶ 5} On April 15, 2016, Switch filed its 2015 RPS report. Switch proposes a baseline of 10,466 MWH, which it asserted was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013 and 2014. Switch had no Ohio retail electric sales in 2012. Switch further reported that it satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On February 16, 2018, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Switch's RPS report. Staff reports that Switch is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2015. Staff noted that, in Switch's filing, the text of its report indicates 2013 sales of 1,442 MWH, while Exhibit A of the filing indicates 2013 sales of 1,707 MWH. Staff contacted Switch for clarification and was informed that 1,745 MWH is the correct number for 2013 sales. With this clarification, Staff calculates a compliance baseline of 10,485 MWH. Staff also observes that Switch over-retired RECs and SRECs in earlier compliance years; when this excess is combined with Switch's 2015 compliance obligations, Switch has a remaining excess balance of 218 RECs and 15 SRECs. Staff determined that Switch has satisfied its 2015 compliance obligations, and recommends that Switch be directed to apply the remaining excess RECs and SRECs to a future compliance obligation. Staff also recommends that, for future compliance years, Switch 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.

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

III. ORDER

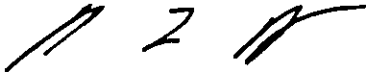
{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

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


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

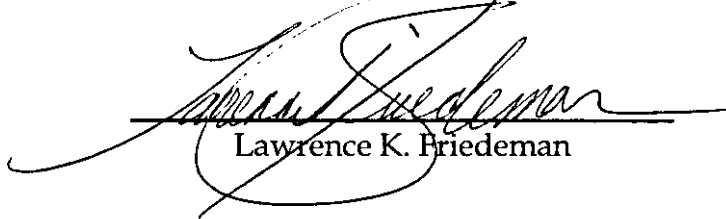
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

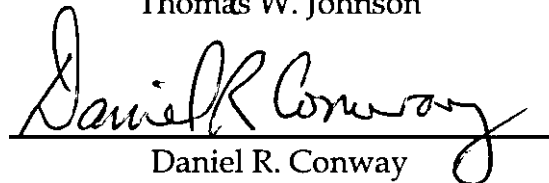
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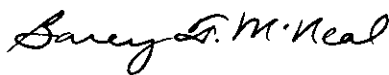

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