

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2016 OF SWITCH
ENERGY, LLC.

CASE No. 18-567-EL-ACP

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FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on September 26, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2016 and 2017 renewable portfolio standard compliance status reports 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 13, 2018, Switch filed its 2016 RPS report. Switch proposes a baseline of 18,574 MWH, which it asserted was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2013, 2014, and 2015. Switch further reported that it satisfied its 2016 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On April 13, 2018, Switch filed its 2017 RPS report. Switch proposes a baseline of 29,969 MWH, which it asserted was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Switch further reported that it satisfied its 2017 compliance obligations.

{¶ 7} On June 18, 2018, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for Switch's RPS reports. Staff reports that Switch is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2016 and 2017. Staff noted that Switch filed its 2016 RPS report late and that Switch has confirmed that it made changes to its internal processes to ensure timely filings in the future. Staff added that Switch has accurately calculated its 2016 and 2017 RPS compliance obligations. Staff determined that Switch has a retirement excess of 19 SRECs and 388 RECs after applying its 2017 obligations. Staff recommends that Switch apply the retirement excess to its 2018 RPS compliance obligations. In addition, Staff recommends that 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.

{¶ 8} Upon review of Switch's 2016 and 2017 RPS reports and the records of this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that Switch's 2016 and 2017

proposed compliance baselines are reasonable, and that Switch has met its compliance obligations for 2016 and 2017. Further, Switch is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER


{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

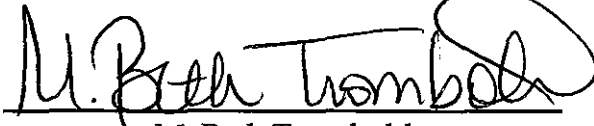
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Switch's 2016 and 2017 RPS reports be accepted as filed, as Switch has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2016 and 2017. It is, further,

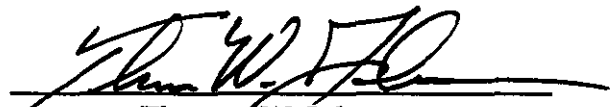
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That Switch comply with Staff's recommendations adopted herein. It is, further,

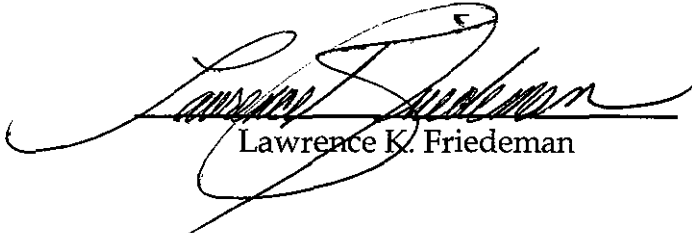
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

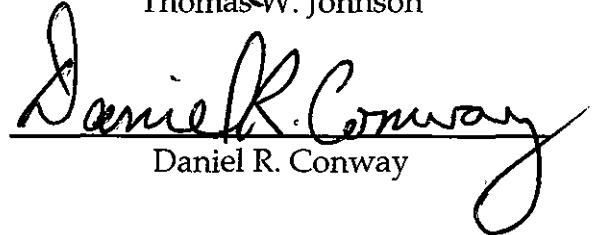
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