

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2016 AND 2017 OF
VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

CASE NO. 18-653-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on March 27, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2017 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of Volunteer Energy Services, Inc.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. (VES) 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 12, 2018, VES filed its 2017 RPS report. VES proposes to use a baseline of 11,455 MWH, which it indicated was its Ohio retail electric sales for 2017. VES reports that it satisfied its 2017 compliance obligations. In addition to its 2017 compliance report, VES made a supplemental filing on August 22, 2018, concerning the 2016 compliance year. VES had initially reported zero Ohio retail electric sales in 2016; in the supplemental filing, VES reports that it began service to Ohio customers in 2016, and proposes a baseline of 2,939 MWH, representing its actual 2016 sales. VES reports that it satisfied its 2016 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On August 28, 2018, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations of VES's RPS report. Staff reports that VES is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an RPS obligation for 2017. Staff reviewed VES's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that VES satisfied its 2017 RPS compliance obligations. In addition, upon reviewing VES's supplemental filing, Staff determined that VES satisfied its 2016 RPS compliance obligations. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, VES 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 VES's 2017 RPS report, its 2016 RPS report as supplemented on August 22, 2018, and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that VES's 2016 and 2017 proposed compliance baselines are reasonable, and that VES has met its compliance obligations for 2016 and 2017. Further, VES is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

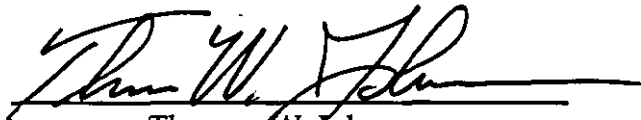
{¶ 9} ORDERED, That VES's 2016 and 2017 RPS reports be accepted as filed, as VES has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2016 and 2017. It is, further,

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

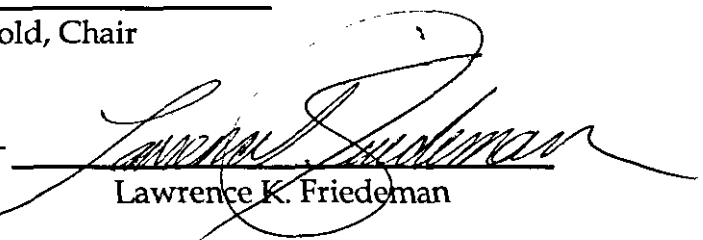
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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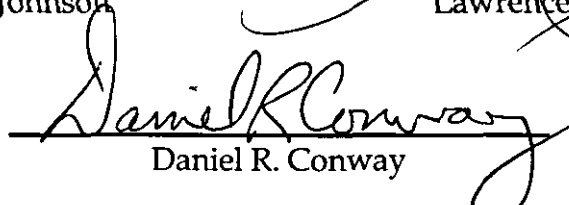
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