

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE
STATUS REPORT FOR 2017 OF RELIANT
ENERGY NORTHEAST, LLC.

CASE NO. 18-666-EL-ACP

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on August 28, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2017 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC (REN or the Company) 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, REN filed its 2017 RPS report. REN proposes to use a baseline of 234,042 MWH, which it indicated was its Ohio retail electric sales for 2017. REN further reported that it satisfied its 2017 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On February 8, 2019, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations of REN's RPS report. Staff reports that REN is an electric services company in the state of Ohio, and thus had an RPS obligation for 2017. Staff reviewed REN's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that REN satisfied its 2017 RPS compliance obligations. Staff further determined that REN satisfied its non-solar obligation for 2017 and that the RECs that REN transferred to its GATS reserve subaccount were appropriately associated with electricity generated no later than December 31, 2017. Finally, Staff found that REN satisfied its solar obligation for 2017 and that the S-RECs that the Company transferred to its GATS reserve subaccount were appropriately associated with electricity generated no later than December 31, 2017.

{¶ 7} Upon review of REN's 2017 RPS report and the records of these proceedings, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that REN's 2017 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that REN has met its compliance obligations for 2017. Further, REN is directed to comply with Staff's recommendations for future compliance years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

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

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That REN 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.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Sam Randazzo, Chairman
M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Daniel R. Conway
Dennis P. Deters

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