

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE NO. 18-652-EL-ACP

## FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 6, 2019

### I. SUMMARY

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

### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Nordic Energy Services, LLC (NES 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 12, 2018, NES filed its 2017 RPS report. NES proposes a baseline that is redacted from its public filing. NES asserts that its baseline was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2014, 2015, and 2016.<sup>1</sup> NES further reported that it satisfied its 2017 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On March 8, 2019, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for NES's RPS report. Staff reports that NES is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2017. Staff determined that NES accurately calculated its 2017 RPS compliance obligations. Staff reviewed NES's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance, and determined that NES satisfied its 2017 RPS compliance obligations. Staff recommends that, for future compliance years, NES 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. Finally, Staff further recommends that NES should review the Commission's decision in Case No. 12-1233-EL-ACP for direction on what information may be reasonably redacted from its future RPS filings.

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

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<sup>1</sup> On November 1, 2019, the attorney examiner issued an Entry denying NES's request that its baseline remain under seal. The attorney examiner granted NES's request for confidentiality regarding its ten year forecast of RECs and SRECs.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

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

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That NES 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

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