

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
LAYNE GIERING AS AN ELIGIBLE OHIO
RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE
GENERATING FACILITY.

CASE NO. 20-932-EL-REN

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on August 26, 2020

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that Certificate No. 20-SPV-PA-GATS-16256 should be revoked, and this case should be dismissed and closed of record.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} On April 23, 2020, Paradise Energy Solutions, on behalf of Layne Giering (Applicant), filed an application for certification of a renewable energy resource facility (Facility) located at 697 McClain Watson Road, Shippenville, PA 16254. According to the application, the Facility is a solar photovoltaic system with a projected gross annual generation of 9.17 MWH.

{¶ 3} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(D)(2) provides for automatic approval of an application for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource generating facility, unless suspended by the Commission. Pursuant to a March 16, 2020 Entry in Case No. 20-591-AU-UNC, due to the state of emergency resulting from COVID-19, the Commission directed that any time period prescribed by order, statute, or rule for the Commission to act upon a pending application or other filing should be tolled during the state of emergency and also during the 14 days thereafter, including the automatic approval process for applications for certification as an eligible Ohio renewable energy resource. Further, the Entry indicated that, during the declared emergency, Staff would continue to investigate pending applications and the Commission would act on such applications on a case-by-case basis. *In re The Proper Procedures and Process for the Commission's Operations and Proceedings during the Declared State of Emergency and Related Matters*, Case No. 20-591-AU-UNC, Entry (Mar. 16, 2020) at ¶ 5.

{¶ 4} On May 15, 2020, Staff filed a report of its review of the application, indicating that the Facility satisfies the statutory requirements for certification as a renewable energy facility, and recommended that the application be approved.

{¶ 5} The Commission approved the application by Finding and Order issued June 17, 2020. The Facility was issued Certificate No. 20-SPV-PA-GATS-16256.

{¶ 6} On June 23, 2020, Staff filed a review and recommendation in this matter, indicating that the application approved on June 17, 2020, appeared to be a duplicate of the facility certified in Case No. 19-2125-EL-REN. According to Staff, the certification number issued in Case No. 19-2125-EL-REN has been registered with the tracking system PJM-GATS, and Paradise Energy Solutions has communicated that it will not register the certification number issued in Case No. 20-932-EL-REN. Staff states that solar renewable energy credits have not been issued for the duplicate certification number, thus, double counting has not occurred. Staff recommends the Commission revoke the certificate pursuant to Applicant's request.

{¶ 7} The Commission agrees with Staff's recommendation and finds Applicant's request to revoke the duplicate Certificate No. 20-SPV-PA-GATS-16256 is reasonable and should be granted.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Applicant's request to revoke the Certificate No. 20-SPV-OH-GATS-16256 be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Case No. 20-932-EL-REN be dismissed and closed of record. 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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Summary: Finding & Order ordering that Certificate No. 20-SPV-PA-GATS-16256 should be revoked, and this case should be dismissed and closed of record. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio