

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AGGREGATORS/POWER BROKERS

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Α.	RENEWAL INFORMATION

A-1	Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, PUCO certificate number, as web site address	nd
	Legal Name Lincoln Energy Group LLC	
	Address 414 N Orleans Suite 500	
	PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 12-2525-el-agg	
	Telephone # (312) 782-8400 Web site address (if any) liacolnenergygroup.com	
A-2	List name, address, telephone number and web site address under which Applica will do business in Ohio	ınt
	Legal Name Lincoln Energy Group LLC	
	Address 414 N Orleans Suite 500	
	Telephone # (312) 782-8400 Web site address (if any) lincolnenergygroup.com	
4-3	List all names under which the applicant does business in North America	
1 -4	List all names under which the applicant does business in North America same as above Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters Name Blair Hutton	
	Name Blair Hutton	
	Title Member of LLC	-
	Business address 414 N Orleans Suite 500	
	Telephone # (212) 792 9402 Fay # (212) 792 9402	

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E-mail address (if any) hutton.b@lincolnenergygroup.com

A-5	Contact person for Commission Staf	ff use in investigating customer complaints	
	Name Blair Hutton		
	Title Member of LLC		
	Business address 414 N Orleans Suite 500		
	Telephone # (312) 782-8403	Fax # (312) 782-8403	
	E-mail address (if any) hutton.b@lincolner	nergygroup.com	
A-6	Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints		
	Customer Service address same as above Toll-free Telephone #		
	Toll-free Telephone #	Fax#	
	E-mail address (if any)		
A-7	Applicant's federal employer identification number # 208053281		
A-8	Applicant's form of ownership (check one)		
	☐Sole Proprietorship	☐Partnership	
	Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)		
	☐ Corporation	Other	
	PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPAR	RATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:	
A-9	Exhibit A-9 "Principal Officers, Directors & Partners" provide the names, titles, addresses and telephone numbers of the applicant's principal officers, directors, partners, or other similar officials.		
A-10	Exhibit A-10 "Corporate Structure," provide a description of the applicant's corporate structure, including a graphical depiction of such structure, and a list of all affiliate and subsidiary companies that supply retail or wholesale electricity or natural gas to customers and companies that aggregate customers in North America.		
В.	APPLICANT MANAGERIAL	CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE	
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B-1	Exhibit B-1 "Jurisdictions of Open	ration," provide a list of all jurisdictions in which	

- B-1 Exhibit B-1 "Jurisdictions of Operation," provide a list of all jurisdictions in which the applicant or any affiliated interest of the applicant is, at the date of filing the application, certified, licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to provide retail or wholesale electric services including aggregation services.
- B-2 <u>Exhibit B-2 "Experience & Plans,"</u> provide a description of the applicant's experience and plan for contracting with customers, providing contracted services, providing billing statements, and responding to customer inquiries and complaints in accordance with Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4928.10 of the Revised Code.

- B-3 <u>Exhibit B-3 "Disclosure of Liabilities and Investigations,"</u> provide a description of all existing, pending or past rulings, judgments, contingent liabilities, revocation of authority, regulatory investigations, or any other matter that could adversely impact the applicant's financial or operational status or ability to provide the services it is seeking to be certified to provide.
- B-4 Disclose whether the applicant, a predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant have ever been convicted or held liable fir fraud or for violation of any consumer protection or antitrust laws within the past five years.

 No
 Yes

If yes, provide a separate attachment labeled as **Exhibit B-4** "Disclosure of Consumer Protection Violations" detailing such violation(s) and providing all relevant documents.

B-5 Disclose whether the applicant or a predecessor of the applicant has had any certification, license, or application to provide retail or wholesale electric service including aggregation service denied, curtailed, suspended, revoked, or cancelled within the past two years.

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If yes, provide a separate attachment labeled as <u>Exhibit B-5</u> "<u>Disclosure of Certification Denial</u>, <u>Curtailment</u>, <u>Suspension</u>, <u>or Revocation</u>" detailing such action(s) and providing all relevant documents.

C. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- C-1 Exhibit C-1 "Annual Reports," provide the two most recent Annual Reports to Shareholders. If applicant does not have annual reports, the applicant should provide similar information in Exhibit C-1 or indicate that Exhibit C-1 is not applicable and why.
- C-2 <u>Exhibit C-2 "SEC Filings."</u> provide the most recent 10-K/8-K Filings with the SEC. If applicant does not have such filings, it may submit those of its parent company. If the applicant does not have such filings, then the applicant may indicate in Exhibit C-2 that the applicant is not required to file with the SEC and why.
- C-3 <u>Exhibit C-3 "Financial Statements,"</u> provide copies of the applicant's two most recent years of audited financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement). If audited financial statements are not available, provide officer certified financial statements. If the applicant has not been in business long enough to satisfy this requirement, it shall file audited or officer certified financial statements covering the life of the business.

- C-4 <u>Exhibit C-4 "Financial Arrangements,"</u> provide copies of the applicant's financial arrangements to conduct CRES as a business activity (e.g., guarantees, bank commitments, contractual arrangements, credit agreements, etc.).
- C-5 Exhibit C-5 "Forecasted Financial Statements," provide two years of forecasted financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement) for the applicant's CRES operation, along with a list of assumptions, and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the preparer.
- C-6 Exhibit C-6 "Credit Rating," provide a statement disclosing the applicant's credit rating as reported by two of the following organizations: Duff & Phelps, Dun and Bradstreet Information Services, Fitch IBCA, Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poors, or a similar organization. In instances where an applicant does not have its own credit ratings, it may substitute the credit ratings of a parent or affiliate organization, provided the applicant submits a statement signed by a principal officer of the applicant's parent or affiliate organization that guarantees the obligations of the applicant.
- C-7 Exhibit C-7 "Credit Report," provide a copy of the applicant's credit report from Experion, Dun and Bradstreet or a similar organization.
- C-8 <u>Exhibit C-8 "Bankruptcy Information,"</u> provide a list and description of any reorganizations, protection from creditors or any other form of bankruptcy filings made by the applicant, a parent or affiliate organization that guarantees the obligations of the applicant or any officer of the applicant in the current year or within the two most recent years preceding the application.
- C-9 <u>Exhibit C-9 "Merger Information,"</u> provide a statement describing any dissolution or merger or acquisition of the applicant within the five most recent years preceding the application.

Signature of Applicant & Title

Signature of Applicant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this day of August Year

Month

Year

My Commission Expires May 19, 2018

Signature of official administering oath

My commission expires on 5/9/8

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

State of Illinois:	Chinggo ss.
County of Cook:	(Yown)
, ,	ng duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:
He) She is the manual of UC (0	office of Affiant) of Lincoln Engy Group (Name of Applicant)

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant,

- The Applicant herein, attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the
 application for certification renewal are true and complete and that it will amend its application while
 the application is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided in the
 application.
- The Applicant herein, attests it will timely file an annual report with the Public Utilities Commission
 of Ohio of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity
 pursuant to Division (A) of Section 4905.10, Division (A) of Section 4911.18, and Division (F) of
 Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
- 3. The Applicant herein, attests that it will timely pay any assessments made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, or Division F of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
- 4. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all Public Utilities Commission of Ohio rules or orders as adopted pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code.
- 5. The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and its Staff on any utility matter including the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the Applicant.
- 6. The Applicant herein, attests that it will fully comply with Section 4928.09 of the Revised Code regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
- 7. The Applicant herein, attests that it will use its best efforts to verify that any entity with whom it has a contractual relationship to purchase power is in compliance with all applicable licensing requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- 8. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
- 9. The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the electric distribution companies, the regional transmission entities, and other electric suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize the safety and reliability of the electric service in accordance with the emergency plans and other procedures as may be determined appropriate by the Commission.
- 10. If applicable to the service(s) the Applicant will provide, the Applicant herein, attests that it will adhere to the reliability standards of (1) the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), (2) the appropriate regional reliability council(s), and (3) the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. (Only applicable if pertains to the services the Applicant is offering)

11. The Applicant herein, attests that it will inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in the renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints. That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

OFFICIAL SEAL JOSEPH L DAVENPORT Notary Public - State of Illinois My Commission Expires May 19, 2018

Sworn and subscribed before me this $\frac{215}{}$ day of $\frac{10945}{}$, $\frac{109}{}$

My commission expires on $\frac{5/19/18}{1}$

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PUCO Renewal License Application

Answers to Interrogatory Exhibits

Exhibit A-9 "Principal Officers, Directors & Partners"

Blair Hutton, Member of LLC 414 N Orleans, Suite 500, Chicago IL 60654 312-782-8403

Aaron Bernstien, Member of LLC 414 N Orleans, Suite 500, Chicago IL 60654 312-782-8400

Exhibit A-10 "Corporate Structure,"

Lincoln Energy Group LLC is an Illinois Limited Liability Company. It has no affiliates, subsidiary companies, or sub LLCs or Corps under its control. The LLC is 50% owned by Mr. Bernstien and 50% owned by Mr. Hutton.

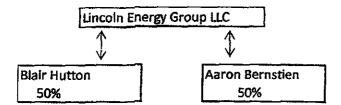


Exhibit B-1 "Jurisdictions of Operation,"

Lincoln Energy Group is licensed in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Exhibit B-2 "Experience & Plans,"

Lincoln Energy Group LLC employs energy brokerage professionals from our corporate headquarters in Chicago Illinois. Lincoln Energy Group LLC is not a retail energy supplier, rather we are offering a service to customers to help conduct RFPs, solicit offers and make the best and most informed decisions regarding their energy procurement needs. Due to the fact that we are a broker/consultant we do not take title of the energy and will not be invoicing any customers for electricity consumption. We have full time customer service personnel on staff if such a need may arise for our customers in Ohio regarding customer inquiries and complaints.

Exhibit B-3 "Disclosure of Liabilities and Investigations,"

None exist and have never existed

Exhibit C-1 "Annual Reports,"

Lincoln Energy Group is a private LLC and has no outside shareholders. Therefore, annual reports do not exist and are not applicable.

Exhibit C-2 "SEC Filings,"

Lincoln Energy Group LLC is a private Illinois LLC and therefore does not file with the SEC

Exhibit C-3 "Financial Statements,"

REDACTED CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Exhibit C-4 "Financial Arrangements,"

Lincoln Energy Group has zero debt and zero financial arrangements. We operate as a broker.

Exhibit C-5 "Forecasted Financial Statements,"

REDACTED CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Exhibit C-6 "Credit Rating,"

Lincoln Energy Group's credit rating is attached to this application

Exhibit C-7 "Credit Report,"

Lincoln Energy Group's credit report is attached to this application

Exhibit C-8 "Bankruptcy Information,"

Lincoln Energy Group has never filed for bankruptcy. Not applicable.

Exhibit C-9 "Merger Information,"

Zero. Not applicable.