## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RELIABLE POWER ALTERNATIVES CORP. FOR CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC BROKER/AGGREGATOR IN OHIO.

CASE NO. 16-2272-EL-AGG

#### FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on April 26, 2017

# I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Reliable Power AlternativesCorp. for certification as a competitive retail electric aggregator/broker.

## II. DISCUSSION

**{¶ 2}** R.C. 4928.08 provides that retail electric suppliers, which includes brokers and aggregators, that provide competitive retail electric service (CRES) aggregator/broker must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRES. Pursuant to R.C. 4928.08 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, the application for certification shall be deemed approved 30 days after the filing of the application, unless the Commission suspends such approval. If the case is suspended, R.C. 4928.08 provides that the Commission shall act to approve or deny the application within 90 days after the date of suspension.

**{¶ 3}** On November 30, 2016, Reliable Power Alternatives Corp. (Reliable) filed an application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator. In support of its application, Reliable provided information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRES. **{¶ 4}** By Entry issued December 28, 2016, in accordance with R.C. 4928.08 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, the attorney examiner suspended Reliable's application from the 30-day automatic approval process, in order that the Commission and Staff could further review this matter.

**{¶ 5}** On January 6, 2017, Reliable filed additional information that was missing from its November 30, 2016 filing.

**{¶ 6}** On January 11, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendation. Staff indicates that Reliable provided the requisite additional information; therefore, Staff recommends that Reliable's certification application be approved.

**{¶ 7}** Upon review of the application filed by Reliable on November 30, 2016, as supplemented on January 6, 2017, and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Reliable's application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator should be approved.

## III. ORDER

**{¶ 8}** It is, therefore,

**{¶ 9}** ORDERED, That Reliable's application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator is approved. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record in this case.

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