THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTH SHORE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC FOR CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS BROKER IN OHIO.

CASE NO. 11-4881-GA-AGG

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on December 20, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of North Shore Energy Consulting, LLC for certification as a competitive retail natural gas service broker in the state of Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

- [¶ 2] R.C. 4929.20 provides that retail natural gas suppliers that provide competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRNGS. The Commission reviews applications for certification to determine if the applicant has the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide CRNGS and whether there are reasonable financial assurances sufficient to protect customers and natural gas companies from default. Pursuant to R.C. 4929.20 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, 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. 4929.20 provides that the Commission shall act to approve or deny the application within 90 days after the date of suspension.
- {¶ 3} On September 25, 2017, North Shore Energy Consulting, LLC (North Shore) filed a renewal application for certification as a CRNGS broker.

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{¶ 4} By Entry dated October 24, 2017, the attorney examiner suspended, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, the 30-day automatic approval process with respect to North Shore's application for certification, in order that the Commission and Staff could further review the matter.

- {¶ 5} On November 13, 2017, North Shore filed additional information in support of its application for certification.
- **[¶ 6]** On November 15, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendation. Staff indicates that North Shore provided the necessary additional information; therefore, Staff recommends that North Shore's application for certification be approved.
- {¶ 7} Upon review of the application, as supplemented, and Staff's recommendation, North Shore appears managerially, financially, and technically fit and capable of performing as a CRNGS broker in compliance with all applicable regulations adopted pursuant to R.C. Chapter 4929. Accordingly, the Commission finds that North Shore's application for certification as a CRNGS broker should be approved for a period of two years.

III. ORDER

- {¶8} It is, therefore,
- {¶ 9} ORDERED, That North Shore's application for certification as a CRNGS broker be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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