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Initial Filing Instructions for Retail Electric Generation Providers and Power Marketers

I. Where to File: Applications should be sent to: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus Ohio 43215-3793.

II. What to File: Applicant must submit one original notarized application signed by a principal officer and three copies including all exhibits, affidavits, and other attachments. All attachments, affidavits, and exhibits should be clearly identified. For example, Exhibit C-10 should be marked "Exhibit C-10 'Corporate Structure." All pages should be numbered and attached in a sequential order.

III. Which Forms to File: In order to supply competitive retail electric service (CRES), all providers are required to become certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The information one must file, however, differs depending on the type of CRES that the applicant will provide. For example, a power marketer applicant will not file the same information as an aggregator. The summary below of CRES provider definitions (from the Commission's certification rules) should help applicants determine which application form to use. There are three application forms to choose from including an aggregator/broker form, a governmental aggregator form, and a generation provider, power marketer, and power broker form.

Aggregation - combining the electric load of multiple retail customers through an agreement with the customers or formation of a governmental aggregation pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Revised Code for the purpose of purchasing retail electric generation service on an aggregated basis.

Aggregator - a person who contracts with customers to combine the customers' electric load for the purpose of purchasing retail electric generation service on an aggregated basis. The term does not include a governmental aggregator.

Governmental Aggregator - the legislative authority of a municipal corporation, the board of township trustees of a township, or a board of county commissioners of a county that aggregates the citizens of a municipal corporation, township, or unincorporated areas of a county in accordance with Section 4928.20 of the Revised Code for the purpose of purchasing retail electric generation service on an aggregated basis.

Power Broker - a person who assumes the contractual and legal responsibility for the sale and/or arrangement for the supply of retail electric generation service to a retail customer without taking title to the power supplied.

Power Marketer - a person who assumes the contractual and legal responsibility for the sale a nd provision of retail electric generation service to a retail customer who had title to the electric power provided at some point during the transaction.

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IV. Application Form: The application is available on the Commission's web site, <u>www.puco.ohio.gov</u> or directly from the Commission at: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus Ohio 43215-3793.

V. Confidentiality: An applicant may file financial statements, financial arrangements, and forecasted financial statements under seal. If these exhibits are filed under seal, they will be afforded protective treatment for a period of six years from the date of the certificate for which the information is being provided.

An applicant may file a motion for a protective order for other information not filed under seal per the previous paragraph. If the motion is filed in conformance with rule 4901:1-24-07 of the Administrative Code, it shall be automatically approved on the thirty-first day after the date of filing and the information shall be afforded protective treatment for a period of six years from the date of the certificate for which the information is being provided, unless the commission or an attorney examiner appointed by the commission rules otherwise.

At the expiration of the six-year period provided for in the previous paragraphs, the information will be automatically released into the open record. An applicant wishing to extend a protective order beyond the six-year time period must comply with paragraph (F) of rule 4901-1-24 of the Administrative Code.

VI. Commission Process for Approval: An application for certification shall be made on forms approved and supplied by the Commission. The applicant shall complete the appropriate application form in its entirety and supply all required attachments, affidavits, and evidence of capability specified by the form at the time an application is filed. The Commission certification process begins when the Commission's Docketing Division receives and time/date stamps the application. An incomplete application may be suspended or rejected. An application that has been suspended as incomplete may cause delay in certification.

The Commission may approve, suspend, or deny an application within 30 days. If the Commission does not act within 30 days, the application is deemed automatically approved on the 31st day after the official filing date. If the Commission suspends the application, the Commission shall notify the applicant of the reasons for such suspension and may direct the applicant to furnish additional information. The Commission shall act to approve or deny a suspended application within 90 days of the date that the application was suspended. Upon Commission approval, the applicant shall receive notification of approval and a numbered certificate that specifies the service(s) for which the applicant is certified and the dates for which the certificate is valid.

Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, a competitive retail electric service provider's certificate is valid for a period of two years, beginning and ending on the dates specified on the certificate. The applicant may renew its certificate in accordance with Rule 4901:1-24-09 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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CRES (competitive retail electric service) providers shall inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in a certification application within thirty days of such material change in accordance with Rule 4901:1-24-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

VII. Contractual Arrangements for Capability Standards: If the applicant is relying upon contractual arrangements with a third-party(ies) to meet any of the certification requirements, the applicant must provide with its application all of the following:

• The legal name of the party(ies) it is contracting with;

• A statement that a valid contract exists between the applicant and the third-party(ies);

• A detailed summary of the contract(s) including all services provided thereunder;

• The documentation and evidence to demonstrate the contracting entity's capability to meet the requirements as if the contracting entity was the applicant.

VIII. Questions: Questions regarding filing procedures should be directed to <u>CRES@puc.state.oh.us</u>

IX. Governing Law: The certification/renewal of competitive retail electric suppliers is governed by Chapter 4901:1-24 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 4901:1-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and Section 4928.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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INITIAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR RETAIL GENERATION **PROVIDERS AND POWER MARKETERS**

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit A-13 Company History). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division; 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

This PDF form is designed so that you may input information directly onto the form. You may also download the form, by saving it to your local disk, for later use.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant intends to be certified as: (check all that apply) A-1

☑ Retail Generation Provider ☑ Power Marketer

Dever Broker ☑ Aggregator

Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number and web site address A-2

Legal Name Realgy, LLC dba Realgy Energy Services Address 675 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110 Telephone # (860) 233-2270 Web site address (if any) www.realgy.com

A-3 List name, address, telephone number and web site address under which Applicant will do business in Ohio

Legal Name Realgy, LLC dba Realgy Energy Services Address 675 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110 Telephone # (860) 233-2270 Web site address (if any)www.realgy.com

List all names under which the applicant does business in North America A-4 Realgy, LLC Realgy Energy Services

Realgy, LLC dba Realgy Energy Services

A-5 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters

Name Michael Vrtis			
Title President			
Business address 6	75 Oakwood Avenu	e, West Hartford, CT 06110	
Telephone # (860)		Fax # (877) 810-0675	
E-mail address	michael.vrtis	@realgy.com - reg. matters, doug.gugino(

A-6 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints

NameLaura LaRocco		
Title Office Manager		
Business address 675 Oakwood	Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110	
Telephone # (860) 233-2270	Fax # (877) 810-0675	
E-mail address busine	ssoffice@realgy.com	

A-7 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints

		, Suite 100, North Canton, OH 44721	
Toll-free Telephone #	(877) 300-6747	Fax # (877) 810-0675	
E-mail address	Support@Realgy.com	<u> </u>	

A-8 Applicant's federal employer identification number # 061561408

A-9 Applicant's form of ownership (check one)

Sole Proprietorship	□ Partnership
□ Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)	□ Limited Liability Company (LLC)
□ Corporation	□ Other

A-10 (Check all that apply) Identify each electric distribution utility certified territory in which the applicant intends to provide service, including identification of each customer class that the applicant intends to serve, for example, residential, small commercial, mercantile commercial, and industrial. (A mercantile customer, as defined in (A) (19) of Section 4928.01 of the Revised Code, is a commercial customer who consumes more than 700,000 kWh/year or is part of a national account in one or more states).

 ☑ First Energy ☑ Ohio Edison ☑ Toledo Edison ☑ Cleveland Electric Illuminating ☑ Duke Energy 	 Residential Residential Residential Residential 	 Commercial Commercial Commercial Commercial 	 Mercantile Mercantile Mercantile Mercantile 	 ☑ Industrial ☑ Industrial ☑ Industrial ☑ Industrial
☑ American Electric Power ☑ Ohio Power	Residential		■ Mercantile	Industrial

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Douton Down and Link			Mercantile	Industrial
Dayton Power and Light	Residential	Commercial	Mercantile	Industrial

A-11 Provide the approximate start date that the applicant proposes to begin delivering services June 15, 2018 or asap

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- A-12 <u>Exhibit A-12 "Principal Officers, Directors & Partners"</u> provide the names, titles, addresses and telephone numbers of the applicant's principal officers, directors, partners, or other similar officials.
- A-13 <u>Exhibit A-13 "Company History,"</u> provide a concise description of the applicant's company history and principal business interests.
- A-14 <u>Exhibit A-14 "Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws,"</u> if applicable provide the articles of incorporation filed with the state or jurisdiction in which the applicant is incorporated and any amendments thereto.
- A-15 <u>Exhibit A-15 "Secretary of State,</u>" provide evidence that the applicant has registered with the Ohio Secretary of the State.

B. <u>APPLICANT MANAGERIAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE</u>

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- **B-1** <u>Exhibit B-1 "Jurisdictions of Operation,"</u> 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.
- **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** Exhibit B-3 "Summary of Experience," provide a concise summary of the applicant's experience in providing the service(s) it is seeking to be certified to provide (e.g. number and types of customers served, utility service areas, amount of load, etc.).
- **B-4** Exhibit B-4 "Environmental Disclosure," provide a detailed description of how the applicant intends to determine its (a) generation resource mix, and (b) environmental characteristics, including air emissions and radioactive waste. This information shall include sufficient discussion so as to detail both the annual projection methodology and the proposed approach to compiling the quarterly actual environmental disclosure data. Additional details on this requirement may be obtained by referring to 4901:1-21-09.
- **B-5** <u>Exhibit B-5 "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-6 Disclose whether the applicant, a predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant have ever been convicted or held liable for 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-6 "Disclosure of Consumer Protection Violations"** detailing such violation(s) and providing all relevant documents.

B-7 Disclose whether the applicant or a predecessor of the applicant has had any certification, license, or application to provide retail or wholesale electric service denied, curtailed, suspended, revoked, or cancelled within the past two years.
☑ No □ Yes

If yes, provide a separate attachment labeled as **Exhibit B-7** "**Disclosure of Certification Denial, Curtailment, Suspension, or Revocation**" detailing such action(s) and providing all relevant documents.

C. APPLICANT FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

C-1 <u>Exhibit C-1 "Annual Reports,"</u> 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. (This is generally only applicable to publicly traded companies who publish annual reports)

- C-2 <u>Exhibit C-2 "SEC Filings,"</u> provide the most recent 10-K/8-K Filings with the SEC. If the applicant does not have such filings, it may submit those of its parent company. An applicant may submit a current link to the filings or provide them in paper form. 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 Exhibit C-3 "Financial Statements," 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. If the applicant does not have a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, the applicant may provide a copy of its two most recent years of tax returns (with social security numbers and account numbers redacted).
- C-4 <u>Exhibit C-4 "Financial Arrangements,"</u> provide copies of the applicant's financial to satisfy collateral requirements to conduct retail electric/gas business activity (e.g., parental or third party guarantees, contractual arrangements, credit agreements, etc.,).

Renewal applicants can fulfill the requirements of Exhibit C-4 by providing a current statement from an Ohio local distribution utility (LDU) that shows that the applicant meets the LDU's collateral requirements.

First time applicants or applicants whose certificate has expired as well as renewal applicants can meet the requirement by one of the following methods:

1. The applicant itself stating that it is investment grade rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch and provide evidence of rating from the rating agencies.

2. Have a parent company or third party that is investment grade rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch guarantee the financial obligations of the applicant to the LDU(s).

3. Have a parent company or third party that is not investment grade rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch but has substantial financial wherewithal in the opinion of the Staff reviewer to guarantee the financial obligations of the applicant to the LDU(s). The guarantor company's financials must be included in the application if the applicant is relying on this option.

4. Posting a Letter of Credit with the LDU(s) as the beneficiary.

If the applicant is not taking title to the electricity or natural gas, enter "N/A "in Exhibit C-4. An N/A response is only applicable for applicants seeking to be certified as an aggregator or broker.

- C-5 <u>Exhibit C-5 "Forecasted Financial Statements,"</u> provide two years of forecasted statements (balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement) for the applicant's <u>ELECTRIC related business activities in the state of Ohio Only</u>, along with a list of assumptions, and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the preparer. The forecast should be in an annualized format for the two years succeeding the Application year.
- **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. If an applicant or its parent does not have such a credit rating, enter "N/A" in Exhibit C-6.
- **C-7** <u>Exhibit C-7 "Credit Report,"</u> provide a copy of the applicant's credit report from Experion, Dun and Bradstreet or a similar organization. An applicant that provides an investment grade credit rating for Exhibit C-6 may enter "N/A" for Exhibit C-7.
- 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 two most recent years preceding the application.
- C-10 <u>Exhibit C-10 "Corporate Structure</u>," provide a description of the applicant's corporate structure, not an internal organizational chart, 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 in North America. If the applicant is a stand-alone entity, then no graphical depiction is required and applicant may respond by stating that they are a stand-alone entity with no affiliate or subsidiary companies.

D. APPLICANT TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- **D-1** <u>Exhibit D-1 "Operations"</u> provide a written description of the operational nature of the applicant's business. Please include whether the applicant's operations will include the generation of power for retail sales, the scheduling of retail power for transmission and delivery, the provision of retail ancillary services as well as other services used to arrange for the purchase and delivery of electricity to retail customers.
- **D-2** <u>Exhibit D-2 "Operations Expertise,"</u> given the operational nature of the applicant's business, provide evidence of the applicant's experience and technical expertise in performing such operations.
- **D-3** <u>Exhibit D-3 "Key Technical Personnel,"</u> provide the names, titles, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and the background of key personnel involved in the operational aspects of the applicant's business.
- **D-4** <u>Exhibit D-4 "FERC Power Marketer License Number,"</u> provide a statement disclosing the applicant's FERC Power Marketer License number. (Power Marketers only)

Signature of Applican and Title	
Sworn and subscribed before me this 13m day	of July 2018
Month	LAURA LARCIN
	OPPLIE MANALEO
Signature of official administering oath	Print Name and Title
My commission expires on	Laura Larocco
	Notary Public-Connecticut My Commission Expires
	May 31, 2021

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

State of Conserver :

County of HARTENED :

Mumpetvons, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:

He/She is the MANAGENE Preme ROffice of Affiant) of Dignel Ville (Name of Applicant);

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

- 1. The Applicant herein, attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the application for certification 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 comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
- 8. 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.
- 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 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.

Signature of Affiant & Title		
Sworn and subscribed before me this $3m$ day of $3m$	Month Year UNURA LARACED DARLE MANAGEN	
Signature of official administering oath My commission expires on	Print Name and Title Laura Larocco Notary Public-Connecticut My Commission Expires <u>May 31, 2021</u>	

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