

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MICHTECH LLC FOR CERTIFICATION AS
A COMPETITIVE RETAIL SERVICE
ELECTRIC PROVIDER.

CASE NO. 18-334-EL-AGG

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 6, 2018

{¶ 1} R.C. 4928.08 provides that competitive retail electric service (CRES) providers must be certified by the Commission. Pursuant to R.C. 4928.08 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, an application for certification shall be deemed approved 30 days after the filing of the application, unless the Commission suspends such approval. If the application 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.

{¶ 2} On February 26, 2018, MichTech LLC filed an application to become a CRES aggregator in Ohio.

{¶ 3} By Entry issued March 28, 2018, the attorney examiner suspended MichTech LLC's application from the 30-day automatic approval process, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to R.C. 4928.08, the Commission reviews applications to determine if the applicant has the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide CRES, and if there are reasonable financial assurances sufficient to protect customers and electric and natural gas companies from default.

{¶ 5} On November 29, 2018, Staff filed its review and recommendations in this case. Staff states that it communicated with MichTech LLC on at least 14 different days between the March 28, 2018, suspension and November 1, 2018. Staff explains that the application filed on February 26, 2018, did not contain sufficient information for parts A-2, A-3, A-5, A-13, A-15, B-1, C-3, C-5, and C-7 of the Commission's initial certification application for electric aggregators and power brokers. Staff adds that supplemental

information filed by MichTech LLC on September 17, 2018, and October 15, 2018, satisfied the requirements for most of the exhibits. However, contends Staff, MichTech LLC still has not filed the required information for Exhibits A-3¹ and A-15.² Staff concludes that it does not have all the information needed to evaluate MichTech LLC's capabilities for certification as a CRES provider and recommends denial of the application.

{¶ 6} Having reviewed Staff's review and recommendations, the attorney examiner finds that, prior to recommending a final decision on the application to the Commission, MichTech LLC shall have until January 7, 2019, to respond to Staff's review and recommendations and/or request a hearing on its application for certification.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That MichTech LLC respond to Staff's review and recommendation and/or request a hearing no later than January 7, 2019, as directed in Paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/James M. Lynn

By: James M. Lynn
Attorney Examiner

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¹ This component of the application requires the applicant to list the name, address, and telephone number and web site address under which the applicant will do business in Ohio.

² This component of the application requires the applicant to provide evidence that the applicant has registered with the Ohio Secretary of State.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting deadline to respond and/or request hearing electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of James M. Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission