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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC AGGREGATORS/POWER BROKERS

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit C-10 Corporate Structure). 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.

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| A. | RENEWAL INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| A-1 | Applicant intends to be certified as: (check all that apply) | | | | | | |
| | Power Broker Aggregator | | | | | | |
| A-2 | Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, PUCO certificate number | r, and | | | | | |
| | web site address | | | | | | |
| | Legal Name Energy Management Solutions, Inc. | | | | | | |
| | Address 684 Excelsior Blvd, Ste. 200, Excelsior, MN 55331 | | | | | | |
| | PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 17-1232E | | | | | | |
| | Telephone # (952) 767-7450 Web site address (if any) www.emsenergy.com | | | | | | |
| A-3 | List name, address, telephone number and web site address under which App will do business in Ohio Legal Name Energy Management Solutions, Inc. | licant | | | | | |
| | Address 684 Excelsior Blvd, Ste. 200, Excelsior, MN 55331 | | | | | | |
| | Telephone # (952) 767-7450 Web site address (if any) www.emsenergy.com | | | | | | |
| A-4 | List all names under which the applicant does business in North America Energy Management Solutions, Inc. | 2019 APR : | NECEL 140 | | | | |
| A-5 | Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters | 30 MH II: 10 | | | | | |
| | Name Gary A. Swanson, PE | ••• | | | | | |
| | Title President & CEO | 0.1 | | | | | |
| | Business address 684 Excelsior Blvd, Ste. 200, Excelsior, MN 55331 | _ | | | | | |
| | Telephone # (952) 767-7450 Fax # (952) 556-9171 E-mail address gswanson@emsenergy.com | | | | | | |
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A-6 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints Name Gary A. Swanson, PE Title President & CEO Business address 684 Excelsior Blvd, Ste. 200, Excelsior, MN 55331 Telephone # (952) 767-7450 Fax # (952) 556-9171 E-mail address gswanson@emsenergy.com A-7 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints Customer Service address Gary A. Swanson, PE Toll-free Telephone # (855) 296-3669 Fax # (952) 556-9171 E-mail address gswanson@emsenergy.com Applicant's federal employer identification number # 411907853 A-8 A-9 Applicant's form of ownership (check one) ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership Limited Liability Company (LLC) Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) □ Corporation ☐ Other ______ PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED: Exhibit A-10 "Principal Officers, Directors & Partners" provide the names, titles, A-10 addresses and telephone numbers of the applicant's principal officers, directors, partners, or other similar officials.

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

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- **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 Exhibit B-2 "Experience & Plans," 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 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-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.

☑No ☐Yes

If yes, provide a separate attachment labeled as **Exhibit B-5** "Disclosure of Certification Denial, Curtailment, Suspension, or Revocation" 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 <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 arrangements to conduct CRES as a business activity (e.g., guarantees, bank commitments, 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 income statements for the applicant's ELECTRIC related business activities in the state of Ohio Only, along with a list of assumptions, and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the preparer. The forecasts 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, Fitch IBCA, Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's, 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 an 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 Exhibit C-8 "Bankruptcy Information," 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 Exhibit C 10 "Corporate Structure," 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.

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| Signature of Applicant & Title | KELLY E ROGERS NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 01/31/24 |
| Sworn and subscribed before me this day of Month | of <u>HPRIL</u> , <u>2013</u> Year |
| Signature of official administering oath My commission expires on | Kelly Rosers Print Name and Title 1/31/24 |

AFFIDAVIT

| State ofMi | nnesota : | Excelsior (Town) | SS. |
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| County of H | ennepin : | (Town) | |
| Gary A. Sw | anson , Affiant, | being duly sworn/affirm | ned according to law, deposes and says that: |
| He/She is the | President/CEO | _ (Office of Affiant) of | Energy Management Solutions, Inc. (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 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.
- 2. 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.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 day of APRIL, Year

Signature of official administering oath

Print Name and Title

My commission expires on 1/31/24



EXHIBIT A-10 "PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & PARTNERS"

Gary A. Swanson, PE
 President & CEO
 Energy Management Solutions, Inc.
 684 Excelsior Blvd., Ste. 200
 Excelsior, MN 55331
 (612) 819-7975



EXHIBIT B-1 "JURISDICTIONS OF OPERATION"

EMS is certified as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider who may provide aggregation and power broker services within the state of Ohio.



EXHIBIT B-2 "EXPERIENCE AND PLANS"

The professional career of the owner of EMS spans over 20 years, with more than 15 years in ownership and senior management positions at companies dedicated to energy auditing, procurement and consulting. Gary Swanson has personally audited or overseen the audits performed at more than 10,000 facilities helping industrial clients save more than \$500,000,000 in energy costs.

All EMS customers are required to sign a written contract before services begin. We have attached a sample contract on the following pages. Based on the contract agreement, customers receive a monthly statement or are invoiced for a percentage of rebates after they have received payment.

The EMS office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Calls are answered and forwarded to the appropriate staff member. If there are any complaints they are directed to the owner that same day.

In Ohio, we will contact industrial and commercial customers offering assistance with procurement, demand response, rebates and energy conservation. Along with this service we will help them with the deregulated energy markets by serving as their power broker and/or aggregator.

Many of our existing customers are looking for help exploring options for energy sources in the open market. It is very important for them to have options to lock in energy prices for the future



EXHIBIT B-3 "DISCLOSURE OF LIABILITIES AND INVESTIGATIONS"

There are none.



EXHIBIT C-1 "ANNUAL REPORTS"

EMS does not have an Annual Report. Please see EMS financial statements under Exhibit C-3.



EXHIBIT C-2 "SEC FILINGS"

EMS is a privately owned company and does not file SEC filings.



EXHIBIT C-4 "FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS"

 $N/A-The\ applicant\ is\ not\ taking\ title\ to\ the\ electricity.$



EXHIBIT C-6 "CREDIT RATING"

Attached you will find the Dun & Bradstreet Report. No credit rating was available.



EXHIBIT C-8 "BANKRUPTCY INFORMATION"

EMS has no bankruptcy information.



EXHIBIT C-9 "MERGER INFORMATION"

EMS has no merger information.



EXHIBIT C-10 "CORPORATE STRUCTURE"

Energy Management Solutions, Inc. Visionary **Gary Swanson** President, CEO, Owner Accounting Engineering Engineering Operations Mark Goudreault AJ Butterfield Janelle Rief Kelly Rogers Accountant **VP of Operations** Sr. Energy Engineer **Energy Engineer** Administration Delane Wetterlin

EMS is a flat organization owned by Gary Swanson. There are currently 5 employees. The company has been in business for 18 years and is located in Excelsior, MN

We bid all customers into the market so there is no list of affiliate or subsidiary companies.

Operations Coordinator