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**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Re: South Jersey Energy Company Natural Gas Abandonment Application  
PUCO Certification Case # 11-5402-GA-CRS; Certificate # 11-228G**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of South Jersey Energy Company's ("SJE") Retail Natural Gas Service Supplier/Governmental Aggregator Service Operations and Certificate Abandonment Application. Please note that SJE does not have any existing gas customers in Ohio and does not intend to market its gas supply services in Ohio.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If the Department requires additional information from SJE to effectuate the withdrawal of its certification, or if there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at [laurenlong@sjindustries.com](mailto:laurenlong@sjindustries.com) and/or (609) 568-9028 ext. 6877.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren A. Long  
Assistant General Counsel  
On behalf of South Jersey Energy Company

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Enclosures

cc: John Liquori, Director, Audit & Compliance, SJI – via email

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**RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR SERVICE  
OPERATIONS AND CERTIFICATE ABANDONMENT APPLICATION**

*Preface*

*This form is intended for the purpose of making application to The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for the voluntary cessation of natural gas services and operations and the abandonment of certificate issued for competitive retail natural gas service(s) or governmental aggregation, within the service areas of all Ohio-regulated local gas distribution (LDC) companies.*

**Filing Instructions**

The following cover form and application are designed so that you may directly input information onto the form. You may also download the entire application package by saving it to your local disk.

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (*Example: Exhibit C-2 LDC Notice*). All attachments should bear the legal name (and any references to which the Applicant is doing business in Ohio), and should be included on the electronic copy provided.

To file application, send or deliver the original completed cover form, application, affidavit, and all supporting information, along with 3 copies to:

***The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing  
Division 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793.***

# *The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*

## RETAIL NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FILING COVER FORM POST INITIAL CERTIFICATION

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 South Jersey Energy Company ) Case No. - -GA-  
 )  
 to: Abandon Retail Natural Gas Service Supplier Certificate )

Name of Applicant: South Jersey Energy Company

Applicant's Address: 1 South Jersey Plaza, Folsom, NJ 08037

Contact Person or Counsel: Lauren Long

Telephone Number: 609-568-9028, ext 6877

Mark the reason for filing this form, application, and supporting information. Check only one of the five main categories. Use separate copies of this form for each type of application.

1. ☐ Certification Renewal Application (to be filed 30 to 60 days prior to expiration of current certificate) per Rules 4901:1-27-09 and 4901:1-27-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
2. ☐ Notification of Material Change in Business (to be filed in the initial or most recent certification docket and within 30 days of the material change occurring) per Rule 4901:1-27-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Please check the following material change(s) that is(are) involved with this filing:
  - ☐ Change in ownership of five percent or more
  - ☐ Affiliation with public utility or change in affiliation with a public utility in this state
  - ☐ Retirement or other long-term changes to supply sources
  - ☐ Revocation, restriction, or termination of interconnection or service agreement with pipeline company or natural gas company
  - ☐ Fall of bond rating below BBB-
  - ☐ Fall of bond rating below Baa3
  - ☐ Filed or intend to file for some form of bankruptcy
  - ☐ Receipt of judgment, finding, or ruling that could affect fitness or ability to provide service
  - ☐ Other (please describe):
3. ☐ Certificate Transfer Application per Rule 4901:1-27-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
4. ☒ Abandonment Application (to be filed at least 90 days prior the effective date of the abandonment) per Rule 4901:1-27-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Please indicate which of the following two situations applies to the proposed abandonment:
  - ☒ Seek to abandon operations with no existing customers
  - ☐ Seek to abandon operations with existing customers
5. ☐ Other application (please describe):

# *The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*

## RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR OPERATIONS AND CERTIFICATE ABANDONMENT APPLICATION

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### **SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **A-1 Applicant Information:**

Name South Jersey Energy Company  
 Address 1 South Jersey Plaza, Folsom, NJ 08037  
 Telephone # 609-568-9028 Web site address www.southjerseyenergy.com  
 PUCO Certification Case # 11-5402-GA-CRS Certificate # 11-228G

#### **A-2 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:**

Name Lauren Long Title Assistant General Counsel  
 Business Address 1 N. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037  
 Telephone # 609-568-9028, ext. 6877 Fax #  
 Email Address laurenlong@sjindustries.com

### **SECTION B - OPERATIONS/SERVICE INFORMATION**

**B-1 Date Applicant Will Cease Operations.** No current operations

**B-2 Are customers being switched back to LDC ☐ or contracts assigned ☐?** N/A

**B-3 If contracts were/will be assigned, to whom?** N/A

**B-4 In which month's billing cycle will the customers be switched?** N/A

**B-5 Indicate total number of Ohio customers currently served 0 , and by service territory:**

CGO 0

DEO 0

DUKE 0

VEDO 0

- B-6** Pursuant to Rule 4901:1-27-12 (B), applicant acknowledges that all contract terms and conditions were fulfilled prior to abandoning the operations provided under its certificate, or applicant has assigned such contracts to another retail natural gas supplier to fulfill the unexpired contract terms and conditions. YES ☒ NO ☐

***SECTION C - EXHIBITS***

- C-1** Exhibit C-1 "Notice to Director of the Consumer Services Department" provide a dated copy of the written notice that notified PUCO Department Director of Applicant's intent to assign customer contracts, pursuant to Rule 4901:1-29-10(D)(1)(a) of the Ohio Administrative Code. **N/A**
- C-2** Exhibit C-2 "LDC Notice" provide a dated copy of the written notice provided to each LDC in each certified territory the CRNGS supplier operates of its intent to cease providing service pursuant to Rule 4901:1-27-12(B)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code. **N/A**
- C-3** Exhibit C-3 "Customer Notice" provide a dated copy of the notice that notified customers of the company's intent to abandon service pursuant to Rule 4901:1-27-12(B)(3); and if applicable, provide a dated copy of the notice that also notified customers of the company's intent to assign contracts to another supplier. **N/A**
- C-4** Exhibit C-4 "Affidavit" provide a signed and notarized affidavit (*approved form attached herein*).

Applicant Signature: 

Title: President

Date: June 7, 2019

# *The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*

## RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR OPERATIONS AND CERTIFICATE ABANDONMENT AFFIDAVIT EXHIBIT C-4

### AFFIDAVIT

In the Matter of the Application of )  
South Jersey Energy Company ) Case No.  
To Abandon Retail Natural Gas Service Supplier )  
Or Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation )  
Operations and Certificate in Ohio. )


County of Atlantic

State of New Jersey

Steven Cocchi Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:  
He/She is the President (Office of Affiant) of South  
Jersey Energy Company (Name of Applicant).

1. Affiant is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant.
2. Applicant herein attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the application are true and complete.
3. Affiant further sayeth naught.

Affiant Signature & Title

 ; President

Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th day of June Month 2019 Year

  
Signature of Official Administering Oath

Cynthia Mendenhall,  
Print Name and Title Notary Public

