

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ENERGY PARTNER CONSULTANTS INC. FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE RETAIL
NATURAL GAS BROKER/AGGREGATOR.

CASE No. 18-1792-GA-AGG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ENERGY PARTNER CONSULTANTS INC. FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE RETAIL
ELECTRIC BROKER/AGGREGATOR.

CASE No. 18-1793-EL-AGG

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on February 13, 2020

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission dismisses, without prejudice, the applications of Energy Partner Consultants Inc. for certification to provide competitive retail natural gas and electric service in Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.08 and 4929.20 provide that electric service companies and retail natural gas suppliers that provide competitive retail electric service (CRES) and competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS), respectively, must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRES and CRNGS.

{¶ 3} On December 3, 2018, Energy Partner Consultants Inc. (EPC) filed applications for certification as a CRNGS broker/aggregator and a CRES broker/aggregator in Case No. 18-1792-GA-AGG and Case No. 18-1793-EL-AGG, respectively.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated December 27, 2018, the attorney examiner suspended, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10 and 4901:1-27-10, the 30-day automatic approval process with respect to EPC's applications for certification, in order to permit the Commission and Staff to further review the matter.

{¶ 5} On August 28, 2019, in Case No. 18-1793-EL-AGG, Staff filed its review and recommendation, which recommends that EPC's application for certification as a CRES broker/aggregator be dismissed, as EPC did not provide sufficient information for Exhibits C-3, C-5, C-6, C-7, and C-10. Staff notes that it has received no response to its numerous attempts to contact EPC via telephone and electronic mail and that, to date, EPC has not provided any additional documents or information for review. In the absence of complete information, Staff states that it is unable to evaluate EPC's capabilities for certification. On August 30, 2019, in Case No. 18-1792-GA-AGG, Staff filed a similar review and recommendation with respect to EPC's application for certification as a CRNGS broker/aggregator.

{¶ 6} In an Entry issued on January 8, 2020, the attorney examiner noted that EPC had not filed any response to Staff's recommendations. The attorney examiner directed EPC to file, in these dockets, a response to Staff's recommendations no later than January 24, 2020. Alternatively, the attorney examiner directed that, if EPC did not intend to further pursue its applications for certification as a CRES and CRNGS broker/aggregator, it should file notice to that effect by January 24, 2020.

{¶ 7} To date, EPC has not filed any information to supplement its CRES or CRNGS certification applications, any response to Staff's recommendations, or any correspondence in the dockets. Accordingly, the Commission finds that EPC's applications for certification as a CRES and CRNGS broker/aggregator should be dismissed without prejudice and that these cases should be closed of record.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the CRES and CRNGS certification applications filed by EPC be dismissed without prejudice. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That these cases be closed of record. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Sam Randazzo, Chairman
M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
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