BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Cost) Associates, Inc. Services Control for Certification as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider in Ohio.

Case No. 18-451-EL-AGG

COST CONTROL ASSOCIATES, INC. MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C.") Rule 4901:1-24-4, Cost Control Associates, Inc. ("Cost Control") respectfully requests the date for the expiration of its current certification as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider be extended until August 31, 2020. The reasons supporting this motion are contained in the Memorandum in Support attached hereto and incorporated herein.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of, COST CONTROL ASSOCIATES, INC.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Cost Control Associates, Inc. ("Cost Control") respectfully requests that the effectiveness of

its Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider Certificate Number 18-1306E (1) be extended until

August 31, 2018 or until a new certificate is granted. Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C.") Rule

4901:1-24-04 states:

Any CRES provider or governmental aggregator that fails to file an application for certification renewal pursuant to rule 4901:1-24-09 of the Administrative Code prior to the expiration date on the certificate must file a new application for certification in a new case and may request, no later than sixty days after the expiration date on the certificate, to extend its previous certificate during the pendency of the new application review.

Due to an administrative oversight, Cost Control did not file its renewal application before

its expiration date of April 15, 2020. Cost Control submitted its renewal application on May 5,

2020. Because Cost Control's current certificate expired, and the Public Utilities Commission of

Ohio ("Commission" or "PUCO") has 30 days to review the application for renewal, an extension is

necessary to ensure the continuity of certification.

It is reasonable for the Commission to extend Cost Control's certification. See, *In the Matter of the Application of Summit Energy Services*, Case No. 13-1175-GA-AGG, Entry, (November 7, 2017) (where the Commission granted applicant's motion for extension of expiration date, although the expiration had already passed 132 days); and *In the Matter of the Application of the City of Norwood*, Case No. 10-390-GA-GAG, Entry, (May 10, 2012) (where the Commission

granted applicant's motion for extension of expiration date, although the expiration had already passed). Granting Cost Control's request for extension of certification expiration date until its certificate is renewed or a new certificate is issued will allow Cost Control to continue to provide it services and avoid the administrative upheaval that could occur if its certification is cancelled.

Cost Control submits that there is no reason or circumstance that warrants suspension or rescission of its certificate. There have been no material or adverse changes in its financial or operational status or its ability to provide the services it seeks certification to provide to Ohio customers. Further, this is Cost Control's first request for extension of its certificate. See *Summit Energy Services*, Case No. 13-1175-GA-GAG, Entry ¶5 (November 7, 2017) (where the Commission considered whether it was Summit's first motion for extension of certificate). Cost Control will continue to provide the Commission information as required by the PUCO regarding Cost Control's activities in Ohio, and Cost Control will continue to comply with all Ohio rules and regulations.

Cost Control respectfully requests that the Commission extend the current certificate through August 31, 2020 or such timeframe as to allow adequate time for processing of its application.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of, COST CONTROL ASSOCIATES, INC.

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