

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
CHOICE! ENERGY SERVICES RETAIL, LP  
FOR CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE  
RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER IN  
OHIO.

CASE NO. 12-3197-EL-AGG

## FINDING AND ORDER

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### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves Choice! Energy Services Retail, LP's application for renewal of its certification as a competitive retail electric service provider in Ohio.

### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.08 provides that retail electric service suppliers that provide competitive retail electric service (CRES) must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRES. The Commission reviews applications for certification to determine if the applicant has the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide CRES and whether there are reasonable financial assurances sufficient to protect customers and electric companies from default.

{¶ 3} On May 25, 2021, Choice! Energy Services Retail, LP (Choice) filed an application for renewal of its certification as a CRES provider, as required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-09. In support of its application, Choice provided updated information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRES.

{¶ 4} 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.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated June 23, 2021, the attorney examiner suspended the 30-day automatic approval process with respect to Choice's renewal application for certification,

pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10(A), in order to afford the Commission and Staff additional time to review the matter.

{¶ 6} On June 25, July 9, and July 13, Choice filed additional information in support of its renewal application for certification.

{¶ 7} On July 19, 2021, Staff filed its review and recommendation. Staff indicates that Choice provided the necessary additional information, and, therefore, Staff recommends that Choice's renewal application for certification be approved.

{¶ 8} Upon review of the application, as supplemented, and Staff's recommendation, Choice appears managerially, financially, and technically fit and capable of performing as a CRES provider in compliance with all applicable regulations adopted pursuant to R.C. Chapter 4928. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Choice's renewal application for certification as a CRES provider should be approved for a period of two years.

### **III. ORDER**

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Choice's renewal application for certification as a CRES provider be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That Choice be issued a certificate to provide CRES in Ohio, consistent with this Finding and Order. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

*Approving:*

Jenifer French, Chair

M. Beth Trombold

Daniel R. Conway

Dennis P. Deters

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