



## Public Utilities Commission

Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service  
(CRNGS)

Abandonment Application (With customers)

Case Number: 02-1891-GA-CRS

Please complete all information. Identify all attachments with a label and title (example: Exhibit C-2 Financial Statements). For paper filing, you can mail the original and three complete copies to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

### A. Application Information

#### A-1. Applicant's legal name and contact information.

Provide the name and contact information of the business entity.

Legal Name: Energy Cooperative of Ohio  
Street Address: 790 B Windmiller Dr.  
City: Pickerington State: Ohio Zip: 43147  
Telephone: 614-729-2321 Website: ohioenergycoop.org

#### A-2. Contact person for regulatory matters.

Name: Marissa Dotson  
Street Address: 790 B Windmiller Dr.  
City: Pickerington State: Ohio Zip: 43147  
Telephone: 614-729-2321 Email: mdotson@ohioenergycoop.org

#### A-3. Certification Information.

Certification case number: 02-1891-GA-CRS Certificate number: 02-0386(9)

### B. Operation Information

Provide a response or attachment for each of the sections below.

#### B-1. Date applicant will cease operations.

Date: 3/31/2022

#### B-2. Customer transfer.

Indicate whether contracts will be assigned or if customer contracts will be switched back to their Utility.

Contracts will be assigned

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Customers will be switched back to their Utility.

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

If applicable, please provide the name of which company will be taking over customer contracts.

**B-4. Billing Cycle.**

In which month's billing cycle will the customer be switched or assigned?

Billing cycle month: April

**B-5. Number of Ohio customers.**

How many customers are currently served by the applicant in each Utility service area?

Columbus Gas of Ohio:	Dominion Energy Ohio:	Duke Energy Ohio:	Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio:
<u>672</u>	<u>4493</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**C. Additional Exhibits**

Provide an attachment for each of the sections below.

**C-1. Notice to Director of the Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department.**

Provide a dated copy of the notice of applicant's intent to assign customer contracts, pursuant to 4901:1-21-11 and/or 4901:1-29-10 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that was sent to the PUCO Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department Director.

**C-2. Utility notice.**

Provide a dated copy of the notice of the applicant's intent to cease providing service, pursuant to 4901:1-24-12 and/or 4901:1-27-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that was sent to each LDC or EDU in each certified territory in which the provider operates.

**C-3. Customer notice.**

Provide a dated copy of the notice of the provider's intent to abandon service, pursuant to 4901:1-24-12 and/or 4901:1-27-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that was sent to customers.

**As authorized representative for the above company/organization, I certify that all the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in penalties or other legal actions.**

Marnie D. Pruitt  
Signature

3-31-2022  
Date

General Manager  
Title

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document on the parties referenced on the service list of the docket card who have electronically subscribed to this case. In addition, the undersigned certifies that a courtesy copy of the foregoing document is also being served via electronic mail (when available) or Regular U.S. Mail on the 6th day of April, 2022, to the following:

/s/ Aaron C. Firstenberger

**Aaron C. Firstenberger (0072261)**

Marissa Dotson  
Energy Cooperative of Ohio  
790B Windmill Dr.  
Pickerington, OH 43147

Melissa Scarberry  
PUCO  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215



## ENERGY COOPERATIVE OF OHIO

April 6, 2022

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
290 W. Nationwide Blvd.  
Columbus, OH 43215

The East Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio  
1201 E 55th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44103

**Re: Notice of Energy Cooperative of Ohio Abandoning Its Retail Natural Gas Supplier  
Certificate Pursuant to O.A.C. 4901:1-27-12(B)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Energy Cooperative of Ohio (“ECO”), a competitive retail natural gas supplier certified in Ohio, is providing the required written notice pursuant to O.A.C. 4901:1-27-12(B), that it is filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio an abandonment application for retail natural gas supplier with existing customers. The application will be docketed in PUCO Case No. 02-1891-GA-CRS.

Recently, ECO’s sole gas supplier, Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. (“Volunteer Energy”) filed a petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio seeking relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Volunteer Energy’s case has been assigned to Judge C. Kathryn Preston in Case #22-50804. The case docket can be accessed through the Court’s website at (<http://www.ohsb.uscourts.gov>).

In announcing its bankruptcy, Volunteer Energy provided notice to ECO that effective immediately it would no longer be supplying ECO with gas to service its customers. ECO lacks sufficient funds necessary to switch to a different supplier, and thus is electing to wind down its business and cease operations.

As most of ECO’s customers are on a month-to-month basis, there will be no assignment of customer contracts to an alternative marketer. As such, those customers’ service will revert back to their natural gas company, either Columbus Gas of Ohio or Dominion Energy.

Attached hereto is a draft notice to be sent to the Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel, as well as to all existing customers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Aaron C. Firstenberger at [acf@columbuslawyer.net](mailto:acf@columbuslawyer.net).

Sincerely,

/s/ Aaron C. Firstenberger

**Aaron C. Firstenberger**

*Counsel for Energy Cooperative of Ohio*



## ENERGY COOPERATIVE OF OHIO

April 6, 2022

Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel  
65 East State St., 7th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
occ@occ.ohio.gov

**Re: Notice of Energy Cooperative of Ohio Abandoning Its Retail Natural Gas Supplier  
Certificate and Customer Return to Utility Service**

Dear Sir/Madam:

We would like to notify you that Energy Cooperative of Ohio is filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") an abandonment application for retail natural gas supplier with existing customers pursuant to O.A.C. 4901:1-27-12. The application will be docketed in PUCO Case No. 02-1891-GA-CRS.

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Energy Cooperative of Ohio is currently without supply resources and is therefore unable to fulfill any existing customer contracts. Upon termination of service by Energy Cooperative of Ohio, customers will receive default service from their utility company in accordance with the applicable rates and terms of the utility company's natural gas tariff unless they enroll to receive service from a new retail natural gas supplier.

Attached hereto is a draft notice to be sent to all existing customers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Aaron C. Firstenberger at [acf@columbuslawyer.net](mailto:acf@columbuslawyer.net).

Sincerely,

/s/ Aaron C. Firstenberger  
**Aaron C. Firstenberger**  
*Counsel for Energy Cooperative of Ohio*



## ENERGY COOPERATIVE OF OHIO

April 6, 2022

**Re: Notice of Energy Cooperative of Ohio Abandoning Its Retail Natural Gas Supplier Certificate and Return to Utility Service**

Dear Valued Customer:

We would like to notify you that Energy Cooperative of Ohio is filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) an abandonment application for retail natural gas supplier with existing customers and will abandon its certificate ninety days thereafter. The application will be docketed in PUCO Case No. 02-1891-GA-CRS.

Energy Cooperative of Ohio is currently without supply resources and is therefore unable to fulfill any existing customer contracts. Upon termination of service by Energy Cooperative of Ohio, you will receive default service from your utility company in accordance with the applicable rates and terms of the utility company’s natural gas tariff unless you enroll to receive service from a new retail natural gas supplier. If you do not wish to receive default service from your utility company, you may obtain service from an alternative retail natural gas supplier or governmental aggregator by comparing offers on the PUCO’s Energy Choice Ohio website (<https://www.energychoice.ohio.gov/>) and contacting the supplier that you are most interested in to sign up.

Please be assured that there will be no interruptions in your natural gas as a result of the transfer to the utility company. You do not need to take any action to receive default service from the utility company.

You will be responsible for payment of service provided by Energy Cooperative of Ohio prior to termination of services in accordance with any bills or invoices from Energy Cooperative of Ohio or your utility company.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call us at 614-729-2321 or contact us by email at [mdotson@ohioenergycoop.org](mailto:mdotson@ohioenergycoop.org). You may also contact the PUCO directly by calling 1-800-686-7826.

Sincerely,

Energy Cooperative of Ohio

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities  
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**Case No(s). 02-1891-GA-CRS**

Summary: Application Application of Abandonment of Certificate as a Retail Natural  
Gas Supplier electronically filed by Loni R Sammons on behalf of Energy  
Cooperative of Ohio