

Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider Application AP-0548411

Section A: Application Information

A-1. Provider type:

Select the competitive retail electric serv certification. Please note you can select t	ice (CRES) provider type(s) for which the applicant is seeking more than one.
Aggregator : Power Broker : X Power Marketer : Retail Electric Ge	
A-2. Applicant's legal name and conta	ct information:
Provide the name and contact information	n of the business entity.
Legal name: Gasearch LLC	Country: United States
Phone: 3302701250 Ext. (if appl.):	Street: 4991 Belmont Ave

Website (if any): www.gasearch.net City: Youngstown Prov. / State:

Postal code: 44505

A-3. Names and contact information under which the applicant will do business in Ohio:

Provide the names and contact information the business entity will use for business in Ohio. This does not have to be an Ohio address and may be the same contact information given in A-2

Legal Name	Type	Address	Telephone Activ	e Proof
Gasearch	Official	4991 Belmont Ave Youngstown, OH 44505	3302701250 Yes	Gasearch
LLC	Name	United States		LLC

A-4. Names under which the applicant does business in North America:

Provide all business names the applicant uses in North America, except for those previously provided in A-2 or A-3.

Legal Name	Type	Address	Telephone Activ	e Proof
Gasearch	Official	4991 Belmont Ave Youngstown, OH 44505	3302701250 Yes	Gasearch
LLC	Name	United States		LLC

A-5. Contact person for regulatory matters:

Susan Faith 4991 Belmont Avenue Youngstown, OH 44505 US sfaith@gasearch.net 3302701250

A-6. Contact person for PUCO Staff use in investigating consumer complaints:

Lisa Johnson 4991 Belmont Ave Youngstown, OH 44505 US ljohnson@gasearch.net 3307592760

A-7. Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints:

Phone: 3302701250 Ext (if appl.): Country: United States

Fax: 3307590086 Ext (if appl.) Street: 4991 Belmont Ave

Email: sfaith@gasearch.net City: Youngstown Prov. / State: OH

Postal code: 44505

A-8. Applicant's federal employer identification number:

Federal employer identification number: 34-1935146

A-9. Applicant's form of ownership (select one):

Form of ownership: Limited Liability Company (LLC)

A-10. Identify current or proposed service areas:

Identify each service area in which the applicant is currently providing service or intends to provide service and identify each customer class that the applicant is currently serving or intends to serve.

Service area selection: Duke Energy Ohio;FirstEnergy - Cleveland Electric Illuminating;FirstEnergy - Ohio Edison;FirstEnergy - Toledo Edison;AES Ohio;American Electric Power (AEP) Class of customer selection: Commercial;Industrial;Mercantile;Residential

A-11. Start date:

Indicate the approximate start date the applicant began/will begin offering service.

Start date: Wed May 01 00:00:00 GMT 2019

A-12. Principal officers, directors and partners:

Please select all contacts that should be listed as an officer, director or partner. If the contacts are not listed below, add them using the button to the right.

Name Title Address Email Telephone

Susan Faith 4991 Belmont Avenue Youngstown, OH 44505 <u>sfaith@gasearch.net</u> 3302701250

US

A-13. Company history:

Provide a concise description of the applicant's company history and principal business interests.

Gasearch has been supplying commercial and industrial customers in the State of Ohio since August 2000 through Dominon East Ohio general transport service. In 2009 Gasearch began marketing gas through the Choice program with Dominion East Ohio. In 2019 Gasearch became a natural gas broker for both natural gas and electricity in the State of Ohio.

A-14. Secretary of State:

Provide evidence that the applicant is currently registered with the Ohio Secretary of State.

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B. Applicant Managerial Capability and Experience

B-1. Jurisdictions of operations:

List all jurisdictions in which the applicant or any affiliated interest of the applicant is certified, licensed, registered or otherwise authorized to provide retail natural gas service or retail/wholesale electric service as of the date of filing the application.

Gasearch is registered and certified as an electric broker in the State of Ohio.

B-2. Experience and plans:

Describe the applicant's experience in providing the service(s) for which it is applying (e.g., number and type of customers served, utility service areas, amount of load, etc.). Include the plan for contracting with customers, providing contracted services, providing billing statements and responding to customer inquiries and complaints in accordance with Commission rules adopted pursuant to Sections 4928.10 and/or 4929.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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B-3. Disclosure of liabilities and investigations:

For the applicant, affiliate, predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant, describe all existing, pending or past rulings, judgments, findings, contingent liabilities, revocation of authority, regulatory investigations, judicial actions, or other formal or informal notices of violations, or any other matter related to competitive services in Ohio or equivalent services in another jurisdiction.

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B-4. Disclosure of consumer protection violations:

Has the applicant, affiliate, predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant been convicted or held liable for fraud or for violation of any consumer protection or antitrust laws within the past five years?

No

B-5. Disclosure of certification denial, curtailment, suspension, or revocation:

Has the applicant, affiliate, or a predecessor of the applicant had any certification, license, or application to provide retail natural gas or retail/wholesale electric service denied, curtailed, suspended, revoked, or cancelled or been terminated or suspended from any of Ohio's Natural Gas or Electric Utility's Choice programs within the past two years?

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C. Applicant Financial Capability and Experience

C-1. Financial reporting:

Provide a current link to the most recent Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or upload the form. If the applicant does not have a Form 10-K, submit the parent company's Form 10-K. If neither the applicant nor its parent is required to file Form 10-K, state that the applicant is not required to make such filings with the SEC and provide an explanation as to why it is not required.

Gasearch is not a publicly traded company.

C-2. Financial statements:

Provide copies of the applicant's two most recent years of audited financial statements, including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement. If audited financial statements are not available, provide officer certified financial statements. If the applicant has not been in business long enough to satisfy this requirement, provide audited or officer certified financial statements covering the life of the business. If the applicant does not have a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, the applicant may provide a copy of its two most recent years of tax returns with **social security numbers and bank account numbers redacted**.

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C-3. Forecasted financial statements:

Provide two years of forecasted income statements based solely on the applicant's anticipated business activities in the state of Ohio.

Include the following information with the forecast: a list of assumptions used to generate the forecast; a statement indicating that the forecast is based solely on Ohio business activities only; and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the preparer of the forecast.

The forecast may be in one of two acceptable formats: 1) an annual format that includes the current year and the two years succeeding the current year; or 2) a monthly format showing 24 consecutive months following the month of filing this application broken down into two 12-month periods with totals for revenues, expenses, and projected net incomes for both periods. Please show revenues, expenses, and net income (revenues minus total expenses) that is expected to be earned and incurred in business activities only in the state of Ohio for those periods.

If the applicant is filing for both an electric certificate and a natural gas certificate, please provide a separate and distinct forecast for revenues and expenses representing Ohio electric business activities in the application for the electric certificate and another forecast representing Ohio natural gas business activities in the application for the natural gas certificate.

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C-4. Credit rating:

Provide a credit opinion disclosing the applicant's credit rating as reported by at least one of the following ratings agencies: Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's Financial Services, Fitch Ratings or the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. If the applicant does not have its own credit ratings, substitute the credit ratings of a parent or an affiliate organization and submit a statement signed by a principal officer of the applicant's parent or affiliate organization that guarantees the obligations of the applicant. If an applicant or its parent does not have such a credit rating, enter "Not Rated".

This does not apply.

C-5. Credit report:

Provide a copy of the applicant's credit report from Experian, Equifax, TransUnion, Dun and Bradstreet or a similar credit reporting organization. If the applicant is a newly formed entity with no credit report, then provide a personal credit report for the principal owner of the entity seeking certification. At a minimum, the credit report must show summary information and an overall credit score. Bank/credit account numbers and highly sensitive identification information must be redacted. If the applicant provides an acceptable credit rating(s) in response to C-4, then the applicant may select "This does not apply" and provide a response in the box below stating that a credit rating(s) was provided in response to C-4.

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C-6. Bankruptcy information:

Within the previous 24 months, have any of the following filed for reorganization, protection from creditors or any other form of bankruptcy?

- Applicant
- Parent company of the applicant
- Affiliate company that guarantees the financial obligations of the applicant
- Any owner or officer of the applicant

No

C-7. Merger information:

Is the applicant currently involved in any dissolution, merger or acquisition activity, or otherwise participated in such activities within the previous 24 months?

No

C-8. Corporate Structure:

Provide a graphical depiction of the applicant's corporate structure. Do not provide an internal organizational chart. The graphical depiction should include all parent holding companies, subsidiaries and affiliates as well as a list of all affiliate and subsidiary companies that supply retail or wholesale electricity or natural gas to customers in North America. If the applicant is a stand-alone entity, then no graphical depiction is required, and the applicant may respond by stating that it is a stand-alone entity with no affiliate or subsidiary companies.

Stand-alone entity with no affiliate or subsidiary companies

D: Applicant Technical Capacity

D-1. Operations:

Power brokers/aggregators: Include details of the applicant's business operations and plans for arranging and/or aggregating for the supply of electricity to retail customers.

Gasearch, LLC acts as a broker for electric supply. Gasearch, LLC does not take title to the physical commodity. We strive to provide our Customer's with choices for the supply of energy commodities in an effort to lower the clients' overall energy costs. The customer's sign contracts for their electric supply directly with licensed electric providers. Gasearch, LLC does not bill it customer's directly for the customer services. A toll-free phone contact (888-764-7171) is provided for any billing or other inquiries or complaints. Service issues are directed to the local distribution company.

D-2. Operations expertise and key technical personnel:

Provide evidence of the applicant's experience and technical expertise in performing the operations described in this application. Include the names, titles, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers and background of key personnel involved in the operational aspects of the applicant's business.

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