

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Nationwide)
Energy Partners, Ltd. for Authority to Operate) Case No. 02-3326-EL-AGG
As a Certified Aggregator in Ohio.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On December 20, 2002, Nationwide Energy Partners Ltd. (NEP) filed an application for certification as a certified aggregator in Ohio. NEP's application was filed with a motion for a protective order of Exhibit C-3 (current financial statement) and Exhibit C-5 (forecasted financial statement).
- (2) In its motion, NEP states that it is a privately held company and its financial information is not publicly available. According to NEP, Exhibits C-3 and C-5 contain confidential financial statements and financial forecasts and that this information is not generally disclosed to the public. In addition, NEP requests that it be allowed to disclose its financial resources only under seal, precluding its competitors from gaining access to this sensitive information. Finally, NEP states that the Commission will have the financial information necessary to make an informed decision about NEP's certification as an aggregator.
- (3) Upon review of NEP's motion, and given the fact that it is a non-publicly held company, the examiner finds that, pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24(D), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), NEP's motion for a protective order should be granted with respect to Exhibits C-3 and C-5. Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24(F), O.A.C., this protective order will automatically expire 18 months after the date of its issuance. Extensions of the protective order may be requested by filing an appropriate motion at least 45 days in advance of the expiration date of the existing order. Accordingly, the docketing division should maintain under seal the information set forth in Exhibits C-3 and C-5 of the application for a period of 18 months from the date of this entry.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That NEP's motion for a protective order be granted. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That the docketing division maintain under seal the information set forth in Exhibits C-3 and C-5 of the application for a period of 18 months from the date of this entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry should be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Attorney Examiner

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Gary E. Vigorito
Secretary