## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Commerce Energy, Inc. d/b/a Just	)	Case No. 02-1828-GA-CRS
Energy for Certification as a Competitive	)	
Retail Natural Gas Provider.	)	

## **ENTRY**

## The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On August 12, 2010, Commerce Energy, Inc. d/b/a Just Energy (Just Energy) filed an application for renewal of Certificate No. 02-023, which authorizes it to provide competitive retail natural gas services. The expiration date for Certificate No. 02-023 was September 17, 2010.
- (2) By entry of September 10, 2010, the 30-day automatic approval process for Just Energy's application for renewal of Certificate No. 02-023 was suspended in order for the Commission and its staff to review this matter.
- (3) By entry of September 17, 2010, a hearing was scheduled in this matter for October 14, 2010. The September 17, 2010 entry also extended the expiration date of Certificate No. 02-023 for the time that Just Energy's renewal application is under review and until the Commission deems otherwise.
- **(4)** On October 6, 2010, Just Energy filed a motion for a continuance of the October 14, 2010 hearing, a proposed procedural schedule, and a request for an expedited ruling. Just Energy states that the parties to this case have begun settlement discussions and need additional time to determine if a settlement is possible. Just Energy notes that the same individuals needed to prepare for hearing, are needed to work on settlement discussions. In its motion, Just Energy states that the parties propose that the hearing be continued from October 14, 2010, to October 21, 2010; that testimony would be due October 19, 2010, at noon, Eastern Standard Time; that initial briefs would be due November 4, 2010; and that reply briefs would be due November 9, 2010. Just Energy indicates that the parties believe that they can reach a settlement or, if they fail to do so, prepare for trial in accordance with the

proposed schedule. Just Energy affirms that no parties object to a continuance of the hearing and that all parties agree with an expedited ruling.

(5) Upon review, the attorney examiner finds good cause to grant Just Energy's motion. Accordingly, the October 14, 2010 hearing should be continued to October 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. In addition, testimony of all parties and staff should be filed by noon Eastern Standard Time on October 19, 2010. Further, initial briefs will be due November 4, 2010, and reply briefs will be due November 9, 2010.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the October 14, 2010 hearing is continued to October 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is, further,

ORDERED, That testimony of all parties and staff be filed by October 19, 2010, at noon Eastern Standard Time. It is, further,

ORDERED, That initial briefs be filed by November 4, 2010, and that reply briefs be filed by November 9, 2010. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

By: Scott F

**Attorney Examiner** 

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Reneé J. Jenkins Secretary