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January 30, 2014

<u>Via Federal Express Mail</u> <u>Tracking No. 7977 6818 0707</u>

PUCO

Attention: Docketing 180 E. Broad Street 11th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case No. 14-01-AU-RPT

In the Matter of the Filing of Annual Reports for Calendar Year 2013 by all

Regulated Entities

Dear Docketing Clerk:

Enclosed are the original and two copies of Delta Energy, LLC's Motion for Reduction/Proration of the 2013 Assessment for Maintenance of the Public Utilities Commission and Assessment for Maintenance by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and Motion for Exemption from Annual Reporting Requirements that was fax-filed on 1/30/2014. Please return a time stamped copy to our office in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Perez

SCP/rlr

Enclosures

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TO:

PUCO DOCKETING

FAX:

614-466-0313

FROM:

Juan Jose Perez/Rhonda L. Rosen, Legal Assistant

DATE:

January 30, 2014

RE:

Case No. 14-01-AU-RPT

In the Matter of the Filing of Annual Reports for Calendar Year 2013

by all Regulated Entities

Total pages including cover sheet: 12

Attached for filing is Delta Energy, LLC's Motion for Reduction/Proration of the 2013 Assessment for Maintenance of the Public Utilities Commission and Assessment for Maintenance by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and Motion for Exemption from Annual Reporting Requirements. The original and one copy will be sent via regular U.S. mail.

Please contact our office if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your assistance.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Filing of Annual Reports for Calendar Year 2013 by all Regulated Entities.

Case No. 14-01-AU-RPT

Maria Commission **DELTA ENERGY, LLC'S MOTION FOR REDUCTION/PRORATION OF THE 2013** ASSESSMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND ASSESSMENT FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL AND MOTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") 4905.10 and the Finding and Order (the "Order") of the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") entered on this docket on January 22, 2014, Delta Energy, LLC ("Delta Energy") respectfully requests the Commission grant its motion for reduction of its 2013 Assessment for the Maintenance of the Public Utilities of Ohio (the "Assessment") based on Delta Energy's exit from the natural gas services market on March 31, 2013. Delta Energy also requests the Ohio Consumers' Counsel's ("OCC") annual maintenance assessment be similarly prorated and reduced and that a refund be issued for amounts overpaid. Finally, Delta Energy requests an exemption from the 2013 annual reporting requirement and future reporting requirements based on its exit from the natural gas market. The reasons supporting this motion are contained in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Jose Perez

Sarah/Crabtree Perez (0086844)

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Filing of Annual

Reports for Calendar Year 2013 by all

Case No. 14-01-AU-RPT

Regulated Entities.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Delta Energy is an Ohio limited liability company, with its primary office located at 5555

Perimeter Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017. Beginning in 2003, Delta Energy was a natural gas

supplier and comprehensive energy consultant in North America, with natural gas retail sales

focused in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and Michigan.

Effective November 1, 2012, Delta Energy sold its natural gas business to Hess Corporation and

fully completed its exit from the natural gas market on March 31, 2013, the date on which Delta

Energy completed its term as a Standard Choice Offer (SCO) supplier. After March 31, 2013,

Delta Energy was no longer a natural gas supplier under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

II. DELTA ENERGY'S PAYMENT OF PRORATED ASSESSMENT TO THE

COMMISSION

On September 30, 2013, the Commission issued the Assessment to Delta Energy,

assessing a total of \$54,495.65 in annual maintenance fees, less \$10,139.95 previously paid by

Delta Energy in the spring of 2013, with a net amount of \$44,355.70 being stated as due and

owing. However, the Assessment was made as if Delta Energy operated a natural gas service

provider for the entire year, rather than being prorated or reduced based on Delta Energy's

March 31, 2013 exit as a natural gas supplier. On October 17, 2013, prior to the October 28,

2013 deadline to pay the Assessment, Delta Energy sent the Commission a letter detailing the

timing of its exit from the market and its calculation of the prorated amount that should be

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charged (the "Letter"). A true and accurate copy of the Letter Delta Energy sent the Commission on October 17, 2013 is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Enclosed with the Letter was a check made payable to the Commission in the amount of \$3,483.96, which represents the net prorated amount of the total Assessment through March 31, 2013.

On January 22, 2014, the Commission issued a Finding and Order (the "Order") in this case listing Delta Energy as a reporting entity that had failed to pay its 2013 Assessment and, pursuant to paragraph 14 of the Order, required Delta Energy to file a motion on this docket substantiating the contents of the Letter and renewing its request for reduction or proration of the Assessment.

Based upon the foregoing, Delta Energy requests the Commission reduce or prorate the Assessment to reflect Delta Energy's exit from the natural gas market on March 31, 2013, and find Delta Energy has fully paid the Commission amounts due and owing related to the Assessment by its prorated payment in the amount of \$3,483.96.

III. DELTA ENERGY IS ALSO ENTITLED TO A PARTIAL REFUND OF AMOUNTS PAID TO THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

Delta Energy similarly requests proration and a partial refund of the amount it paid for its 2013 annual maintenance assessment to the OCC (the "OCC Assessment"). A true and accurate copy of an invoice for the 2013 OCC Assessment (the "Invoice") is attached hereto as Exhibit B. According to the Invoice, the OCC based its calculation of the OCC Assessment upon the incorrect assumption that Delta Energy provided natural gas services for the entire year of 2013. However, Delta Energy ceased operations in the natural gas market on March 31, 2013 and the OCC Assessment should have been prorated accordingly. Therefore, Delta Energy requests proration of the OCC Assessment and a refund from the OCC in amount of \$7,163.09. The calculation used to arrive at this refund amount is shown on Exhibit C, attached hereto.

IV. DELTA ENERGY SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE 2013 REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND FUTURE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Based upon Delta Energy's complete exit from the natural gas market on March 31, 2013, Delta Energy should be removed from the "2013 Master Reporting List," attached as Appendix A of the Order. Delta Energy requests an exemption from the 2013 annual reporting requirement as well as annual reporting requirements in the future based upon the fact that Delta Energy ceased supplying natural gas as of March 31, 2013. Delta Energy should not be required to report annual revenue or be assessed fees for years in which it did not provide any natural gas services.

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Delta Energy respectfully requests its motion for reduction or proration of the 2013 Commission Assessment and the OCC Assessment be granted. Delta Energy further requests an Order confirming that it has paid its 2013 Assessment to the Commission in full. Additionally, Delta Energy requests an Order that the OCC issue a refund in the amount of \$7,163.09 to Delta Energy, reflecting proration of the OCC Assessment based on Delta Energy's exit from the natural gas market on March 31, 2013. Finally, Delta Energy requests the Commission find it exempt from the 2013 annual reporting requirement as well as future annual reporting requirements and remove Delta Energy from Appendix A to the Order.

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October 17, 2013

Public Utilities Commission 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Payment of 2013 Maintenance Assessment (File #247)

To Whom It May Concern:

Effective November 1, 2012, Delta Energy, LLC (Delta) completed the sale of its natural gas business to Hess Corporation (Hess). Please see press release attached.

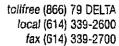
The last step to fully exit the natural gas business across all states was Delta completing its term as a Standard Choice Offer (SCO) supplier for the annual period ended March 31, 2013.

Since Delta would have been under PUC jurisdiction for only for a portion of the calendar year 2013 (three months), Delta has pro-rated the annual maintenance assessment, accordingly.

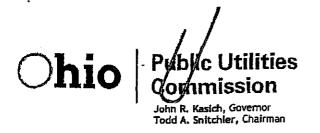
Annual assessment	\$54,495.65	
Pro-rate (3/12 months)	x 25%	
Adjusted 2013 Assessment	\$13,623.91	
Less: Spring Assessment paid	(<u>\$10,139.95</u>)	
Balance due & payment attached	<u>\$ 3,483.96</u>	

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Chris Kline, cfo
Delta Energy
5555 Perimeter Drive
Dublin, OH 43017







Commissioners

Steven D. Lesser Asim 2. Hague Lynn Slaby M. Beth Trombold

Delta Energy, LLC Gary Stoneberg, Sr Accountant 5555 Perimeter Dr Dublin, OH 43017

2013 Assessment for the Maintenance of the PUCO

September 30, 2013

In accordance with Section 4905.10, Ohio Revised Code, the 2013 Assessment for the Maintenance of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio based on reported Intrastate Gross Revenues of: \$44,079,530

Due from the above listed firm (PUCO) File #247 is \$54,495.65

Less Spring Assessment Paid:

\$10,139.95

Net Amount Due:

\$44,355.70

Please make checks payable to: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

And mail to: Treasurer State of Ohio

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Columbus, OH 43260-3603

Due Date:

October 28, 2013

Questions concerning this assessment should be addressed to the Fiscal Division at the address below or you may call Tina Watkins at (614) 387-1010.

Please detach and return with check

Delta Energy, LLC 5555 Perimeter Dr Dublin, OH 43017 PUCO File #247

> AMOUNT DUE \$44,355.70 Check Number

Agency Use ISTV Xref Deposit Unit GL Unit Fund Speed Code Account ALI Department Program PUC ASSESS PUC01 STATE 5F60 425035 N/A PUCIO0100 N/A

180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hess to Acquire Delta Energy's Commodity Business

Woodbridge, NJ (September 17, 2012) – Hess Corporation and Delta Energy LLC today announced an agreement for Hess to acquire the commodity business of Delta Energy, a regional natural gas marketing company with commercial and industrial (C&I) and small business customers in seven states including Ohio and Pennsylvania. Hess is the largest provider of electricity, natural gas and fuel oil to C&I customers in the 21-state market area in which it operates. The transaction is expected to close this fall.

The acquisition includes Delta's natural gas marketing business and associated operations. The majority of Delta commodity employees will join Hess and remain in Dublin, Ohio. Delta Energy Services, LLC (DES) is a separate legal entity and is not included in the transaction. DES will continue to provide energy management consulting services for industrial clients worldwide, which has been the company's core business since its formation in 1997. The company will continue to operate from its Dublin, Ohio headquarters under the leadership of Sheri Tackett, CEO and founder, and Justin McMaster, senior vice president.

Hess Energy Marketing has been a supplier in Ohio since 2000 and, with this acquisition, will become the No. 1 natural gas C&I supplier in the state. Hess Corporation is committed to developing Ohio's Utica Shale resources and already has invested more than \$1.3 billion locally.

"We see this transaction as an ideal fit with the expertise, product offerings and geographic footprint of our growing Energy Marketing business," said John Gartman, senior vice president Hess Energy Marketing. "We look forward to providing Delta's customers with a broad product offering along with comprehensive energy services and solutions."

"Based on the dynamic energy supply landscape in the region, I am confident this transaction serves the best interests of our customers, our suppliers, and our employees," said Sheri Tackett. "Further, this strategic decision sharpens our focus on enhancing and expanding our

energy management consulting services and allows us to invest in innovative technology and infrastructure solutions which will benefit our clients."

About Hess and Hess Energy Marketing

Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES), with headquarters in New York, is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration for and production of crude oil and natural gas, refining and marketing refined petroleum products, natural gas and electricity, and power generation. Hess Energy Marketing is the largest provider of electricity, natural gas and fuel oil to commercial and industrial customers in the 21-state market area in which it operates. The business also delivers comprehensive solutions that help commercial, industrial and institutional customers maximize energy savings and improve operational efficiencies. For more information, please visit www.hessenergy.com.

About Delta Energy Services

Delta Energy Services (DES) is a leading provider of customized energy management consulting services for large industrial energy consumers. As a founding member of the Energy Experts Alliance, DES provides energy management consulting services worldwide through our network of leading providers in Australia, Europe, North America and South America. Delta's team collaborates with clients to help them make strategic energy decisions to achieve their overall business objectives. The company was founded in 1997 and is a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE). Visit Delta Energy Services' website at www.deltaenergyllc.com.

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For more information, contact: Lorrie Hecker Hess Corporation

732-750-6000 lhecker@hess.com

Bob Gardiner Delta Energy, LLC 614-214-5050

bgardiner@deltaenergylic.com

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Delta Energy, LieCutilities Commission of Ohio

Check Number:

13634 Check Date:

Oct 17, 2013

Check Amount: \$3,483.96

Item to be Paid - Description 2013

Discount Taken

Amount Paid

3,483.96

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Delta Energy, LLC 5555 Perimeter Drive Dublin, Ohio 43017

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Memo:

Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Three and 96/100 Dollars

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Attn: Fiscal Office

TO THE 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793 ORDER

OF

Oct 17, 2013

******\$3,483.96

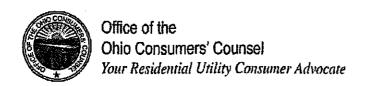
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INVOICE

Bill to:

Delta Energy, LLC

Attention: Gary Stoneberg 5555 Perimeter Dr

Dublin, OH 43017

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Date: September 30, 2013 OCC Record No.: 251

Intrastate Gross Receipts (IGR) reported for calendar year 2012	\$ 44,079,530.00
Total Assessment for 2013	\$ 9,550.79
First Payment: 50% of 2013 Assessment Received	\$ 1,816.00
AMOUNT DUE	\$ 7,734.79

DATE DUE

November 13, 2013

Make checks payable to: Mailing address: OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSE

Attention: Assessments

10 W. Broad Street, Suite 1800 Columbus, OH 43215-3485

IT IS IMPORTANT TO:

- Include a copy of this invoice along with your check.
- Include the OCC Record No. (located above) on your check.
- List the name of the company(ies) on whose behalf payment is being made.

Section 131.02 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel to forward delinquent claims to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for amounts not paid within 45 days of the due date.

Questions concerning this assessment should be addressed to Lindsey Lewis at lewis@occ.state.oh.us or at (614) 466-9495.



EXHIBIT C

SUMMARY OF CALCULATION FOR PRORATED OCC ASSESSMENT

Refund due Delta Energy	\$7,163.09
Less: Adjusted Amount Owed	(\$2,387.70)
Total Amount Paid to OCC	\$9,550.79
Total Amount Paid	\$9,550.79
Amount paid by Delta Energy for balance of 2013 Assessment	+ \$7,734.79
Amount paid by Delta Energy First Payment of Assessment	\$1,816.00
Adjusted 2013 Assessment	\$2,387.70
Pro-rate (3/12 months)	<u>x 25%</u>
Annual Assessment	\$9,550.79