BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of ABA)	
Energy Partners, Inc. for Certification)	Case 15-531-GA-AGG
as a Competitive Retail Natural Gas)	
Broker/Aggregator.)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) R.C. 4929.20 provides that retail natural gas suppliers, which includes brokers and aggregators, that provide competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRNGS. Pursuant to R.C. 4929.20 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, the application for certification shall be deemed approved 30 days after the filing of the application, unless the Commission suspends such approval. If the case is suspended, R.C. 4929.20 provides that the Commission shall act to approve or deny the application within 90 days after the date of suspension.
- (2) On March 20, 2015, ABA Energy Partners, Inc. (ABA) filed an application for certification as a CRNGS broker and aggregator. In support of its application, ABA provided information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRNGS.
- (3) By Entry issued April 16, 2015, in accordance with R.C. 4929.20 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, the attorney examiner suspended ABA's application from the 30-day automatic approval process, in order that the Commission and Staff could further review this matter.
- (4) On May 8, 2015, ABA filed additional information that was missing from its March 20, 2015 filing.
- (5) On May 11, 2015, Staff filed its review and recommendation. Staff indicates that ABA provided the requisite additional information; therefore, Staff recommends that ABA's certification application be approved.

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(6) Upon review of the application filed by ABA on March 20, 2015, as supplemented on May 8, 2015, and Staff's recommendation, ABA appears managerially, financially, and technically fit and capable of performing as a CRNGS broker and aggregator in compliance with all applicable regulations adopted pursuant to Chapter 4929. The Commission finds that ABA's application for certification as a CRNGS broker and aggregator should be approved, for a period of two years.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That ABA's application for certification as a CRNGS broker and aggregator is approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record in this case.

Andre T. Porter, Chairman

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