#### BEFORE

### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Choice Gas and Electric, LLC for ) Case 15-1088-EL-	۸۵۵
Certification as a Competitive Retail )	AGG
Electric Service Broker/Aggregator.	

# **ENTRY**

### The Commission finds:

- (1) Pursuant to R.C. 4928.08 and 4929.20, the Commission reviews applications to determine if the applicant has the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide competitive retail electric service (CRES) and competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS), and to determine if there is reasonable financial assurance sufficient to protect consumers and electric and natural gas companies from default.
- R.C. 4928.08 provides that retail electric suppliers, which includes brokers and aggregators, that provide CRES must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRES. Pursuant to R.C. 4928.08 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, 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. 4928.08 provides that the Commission shall act to approve of deny the application within 90 days after the date of suspension.
- (3) On June 11, 2015, as supplemented on June 29, 2015, Choice Gas and Electric, LLC (CGE) filed an application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator. In support of its application, CGE provided information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRES.
- (4) By Entry issued July 9, 2015, in accordance with R.C. 4928.08(B) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, the attorney examiner suspended CGE's application from the 30-day automatic approval process, in order that the Commission and Staff could further review this matter.

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(5) On July 23, 2015, and August 19, 2015, CGE filed additional information that was missing from its June 11, 2015, and June 29, 2015 filings.

- (6) On August 20, 2015, Staff filed its review and recommendation. Staff indicates that CGE provided the requisite additional information; therefore, Staff recommends that CGE's certification application be approved.
- (7) Upon review of the application filed by CGE on June 11, 2015, as supplemented on several subsequent dates, and taking into consideration Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that CGE's application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That CGE's application for certification as a CRES 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.

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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