

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

RETAIL NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FILING COVER FORM POST INITIAL CERTIFICATION

In the Matter of the Application of Lakeshore)
 Energy Services LLC, d/b/a CenterPoint Energy) Case No. 17 - 1238 -GA- ABN
 Services Retail, LLC)
 to: Application to Abandon Certificate No. 05-101G(6))

Name of Applicant: CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.

Applicant's Address: 1111 Louisiana, Suite 20, Houston, TX 77002

Contact Person or Counsel: Debora K. Churches, Senior Attorney

Telephone Number: 713-207-5777

Mark the reason for filing this form, application, and supporting information. Check only one of the five main categories. Use separate copies of this form for each type of application.

1. ☐ Certification Renewal Application (to be filed 30 to 60 days prior to expiration of current certificate) per Rules 4901:1-27-09 and 4901:1-27-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
2. ☐ Notification of Material Change in Business (to be filed in the initial or most recent certification docket and within 30 days of the material change occurring) per Rule 4901:1-27-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Please check the following material change(s) that is(are) involved with this filing:
 - ☐ Change in ownership of five percent or more
 - ☐ Affiliation with public utility or change in affiliation with a public utility in this state
 - ☐ Retirement or other long-term changes to supply sources
 - ☐ Revocation, restriction, or termination of interconnection or service agreement with pipeline company or natural gas company
 - ☐ Fall of bond rating below BBB-
 - ☐ Fall of bond rating below Baa3
 - ☐ Filed or intend to file for some form of bankruptcy
 - ☐ Receipt of judgment, finding, or ruling that could affect fitness or ability to provide service
 - ☐ Other (please describe):
3. ☐ Certificate Transfer Application per Rule 4901:1-27-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
4. ☒ Abandonment Application (to be filed at least 90 days prior the effective date of the abandonment) per Rule 4901:1-27-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Please indicate which of the following two situations applies to the proposed abandonment:
 - ☒ Seek to abandon operations with no existing customers
 - ☐ Seek to abandon operations with existing customers
5. ☐ Other application (please describe):

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RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR OPERATIONS AND CERTIFICATE ABANDONMENT APPLICATION

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SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION

A-1 Applicant Information:

Name CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.

Address 1111 Louisiana., Suite 20, Houston TX 77002

Telephone # 888.200.3788

Web site address www.CenterPointEnergyRetail.com

PUCO Certification Case # 05-0854- GA-CRS

Certificate # 05-101G(6)

A-2 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters:

Name Debora K. Churches

Title Senior Counsel

Business Address 1111 Louisiana, Suite 46

Telephone # 713-207-5777

Fax # 713-207-0101

Email Address debora.churches@centerpointenergy.com

SECTION B - OPERATIONS/SERVICE INFORMATION

B-1 Date Applicant Will Cease Operations. All customers were transferred as of January 26, 2017.

B-2 Are customers being switched back to LDC ☐ **or contracts assigned** ☒ **?**

B-3 If contracts were/will be assigned, to whom? Contracts were assigned to CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.

B-4 In which month's billing cycle will the customers be switched? Oct. 2016 - Jan. 1017

B-5 Indicate total number of Ohio customers currently served 9,308 **, and by service territory:**

CGO 2,051

DEO 6,713

DUKE 544

VEDO N/A

- B-6** Pursuant to Rule 4901:1-27-12 (B), applicant acknowledges that all contract terms and conditions were fulfilled prior to abandoning the operations provided under its certificate, or applicant has assigned such contracts to another retail natural gas supplier to fulfill the unexpired contract terms and conditions. YES ☒ NO ☐

SECTION C - EXHIBITS

- C-1 Exhibit C-1 "Notice to Director of the Consumer Services Department"** provide a dated copy of the written notice that notified PUCO Department Director of Applicant's intent to assign customer contracts, pursuant to Rule 4901:1-29-10(D)(1)(a) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- C-2 Exhibit C-2 "LDC Notice"** provide a dated copy of the written notice provided to each LDC in each certified territory the CRNGS supplier operates of its intent to cease providing service pursuant to Rule 4901:1-27-12(B)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- C-3 Exhibit C-3 "Customer Notice"** provide a dated copy of the notice that notified customers of the company's intent to abandon service pursuant to Rule 4901:1-27-12(B)(3); and if applicable, provide a dated copy of the notice that also notified customers of the company's intent to assign contracts to another supplier.
- C-4 Exhibit C-4 "Affidavit"** provide a signed and notarized affidavit (*approved form attached herein*).

Applicant Signature: Duorak Churches

Title: Senior Counsel

Date: 05/11/17

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE SUPPLIER/GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR OPERATIONS AND CERTIFICATE ABANDONMENT AFFIDAVIT EXHIBIT C-4

AFFIDAVIT

In the Matter of the Application of)
Lakeshore Energy Services LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Services Retail, LLC)
To Abandon Retail Natural Gas Service Supplier)
Or Ohio Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation)
Operations and Certificate in Ohio.)

17-1238-GA-ABN
Case No. 05-0854-GA-CRS

County of Harris
State of Texas

I, Debora K. Churches, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:
He/She is the Senior Counsel (Office of Affiant) of CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.
(Name of Applicant).

1. Affiant is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant.
2. Applicant herein attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the application are true and complete.
3. Affiant further sayeth naught.

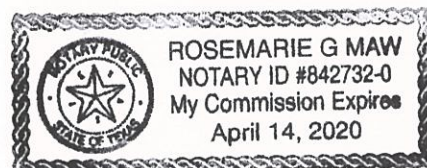
Affiant Signature & Title Debora K. Churches, Senior Counsel

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of May Month 2017 Year

Signature of Official Administering Oath Rosemarie Maw Print Name and Title Rosemarie Maw
Notary Public



My commission expires on



CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. on behalf of
Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Services Retail

Exhibit C-1 (Cover Letter)



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May 11, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

RE: Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC, d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Service Retail
Case No. 17-1238-GA-ABN
Notice of Abandonment of CRNGS Certificate No. 05-101G(6); Case No. 05-0854-GA-CRS

Dear Executive Secretary:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") § 4901:1-27-11, Lakeshore Energy Service, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Service Retail provides this Notice to the Commission to inform of its intent to Abandon/Withdraw its Competitive Retail Natural Gas ("CRNG") Supplier Certificate No. 05-101G(6).

Lakeshore's most recent CRNG Supplier Renewal Certification Application was filed on July 6, 2015. On August 24, 2015, the Commission renewed Lakeshore's CRNG Supplier Certification No. 05-101G(6) for the period from August 22, 2015 through August 22, 2017.

On June 14, 2016, CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. (CES) filed its CRNG Supplier Application, Case No. 16-1370-GA-CRS. On July, 19, 2016, the Commission issued Certificate No. 16-530G(1), effective July 15, 2016 through July 15, 2018.

Ownership/Name Change

On April 1, 2016, CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. (CES) acquired the retail energy services business of Continuum Retail Energy Services, along with its wholly-owned retail subsidiary Lakeshore Energy Services LLC d/b/a Continuum Energy. On April 28, 2016, Lakeshore provided Notice that its fictitious or assumed name was changed to CenterPoint Energy Services.

On June 7, 2106, Lakeshore provided Notice that its fictitious or assumed name was again changed to CenterPoint Energy Service Retail.

Executive Secretary
May 11, 2017
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In September 2016, CES consolidated its retail energy services business to a single company, and began transferring the gas contracts previously held by Lakeshore to CES. Going forward, CES's CRNG supplier services in Ohio, operates under Certificate No. 16-530G(1).

No other changes to CES's information have occurred. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s Debora K. Churches

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
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713-454-7197 (fax)
debora.churches@centerpointenergy.com (willing to
accept service by email)

Attorney for CenterPoint Energy Services

CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. on behalf of
Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Services Retail

Exhibit C-2 LDC Notice

From: Laureano, Consuelo H
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 1:19 PM
To: 'tom.hunt@duke-energy.com'
Subject: Lakeshore to CenterPoint

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to see if you had some time to go over a transition that we need to begin. We are currently Lakeshore Energy, but would like to move all of our customers to CenterPoint Energy. I'm not sure what the process is for DUKE, or if it is a simple system update for you.

Could you please let me know what times work best for you?

Thank you!

Connie L.

Now part of CenterPoint Energy Services
Please note contact changes:

Connie Laureano
1111 Louisiana Street, #2077
Houston, TX 77002
Direct: 713.207.7175
Mobile: 281.906.5286
Consuelo.laureano@centerpointenergy.com



From: "Laureano, Consuelo H" <consuelo.laureano@centerpointenergy.com>
To: "neberhardt@nisource.com" <neberhardt@nisource.com>,
Date: 07/26/2016 12:44 PM
Subject: Lakeshore to CenterPoint

Good Morning,

I wanted to see if you had some time to go over a transition that we need to begin. We are currently Lakeshore Energy, but would like to move all of our customers to CenterPoint Energy. I'm not sure what the process is for COH, or if it is a simple system update for you.

Could you please let me know what times work best for you?

Thank you!

Connie L.

Now part of CenterPoint Energy Services

Please note contact changes:

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From: Laureano, Consuelo H [<mailto:consuelo.laureano@centerpointenergy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 2:20 PM
To: Gas Energy Choice OH
Subject: Lakeshore to CenterPoint

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to see if you had some time to go over a transition that we need to begin. We are currently Lakeshore Energy, but would like to move all of our customers to CenterPoint Energy Services. I'm not sure what the process is for DEO, or if it is a simple system update for you.

Could you please let me know what times work best for you?

Thank you!

Connie L.

Now part of CenterPoint Energy Services

Please note contact changes:

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CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. on behalf of
Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Services Retail
Exhibit C-3 Customer Notice



CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.
PO Box 2628
Houston, Texas 77252-2628
888-200-3788

September 30, 2016

Dear Valued Customer:

In April 2016, we announced CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. (CES) acquired the retail energy services business of Continuum Retail Energy Services, along with its wholly-owned retail subsidiary, Lakeshore Energy Services LLC d/b/a Continuum Energy. At that time, we changed the name of your retail natural gas supplier to Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Service Retail. We are now consolidating the retail energy services business to a single company and will be transferring your gas contract to CES.

What will happen with my natural gas supply service?

Good news! Your contract for natural gas supply will not be affected by this change, and you will continue to receive the same high level of reliable natural gas supply service as you do today. In the near future, you will begin to see the CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. name listed as the supplier on your utility bill, and on communications regarding your account. We expect to see this transition within the next 2 billing periods.

About CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Services

CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. is part of CenterPoint Energy, an electric and natural gas energy delivery company headquartered in Houston, Texas, with more than 140 years of experience in the utility and retail energy industry. CenterPoint continues to be recognized by J.D. Power Gas Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction studies and ranks among the top three U.S. investor-owned utilities in the American Customer Satisfaction Index. CES complements the company's gas distribution business by providing retail gas purchase options to customers across 26 states and serves nearly 90,000 residential and commercial retail customers. It is ranked among the top 20 natural gas energy services companies in the country based on volume.

Our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you have any questions, please contact us at 888-200-3788. You can also visit us online at www.CenterPointEnergyRetail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the CenterPoint Energy Services family. We look forward to continuing to serve your natural gas needs now and for years to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Vortherms".

Joe Vortherms
Vice President
CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.

CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc. on behalf of
Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Services Retail

Exhibit C-4 Affidavit (page 5 of application)

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Summary: Application Application to Abandon Certificate 05-101G(6); Lakeshore Energy Services LLC, d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Services Retail, LLC electronically filed by Mr. Mickey S Moon on behalf of CenterPoint Energy Services, Inc.