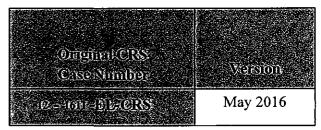
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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR RETAIL GENERATION PROVIDERS AND POWER MARKETERS

Please print or type all required information. Identify all attachments with an exhibit label and title (Example: Exhibit C-10 Corporate Structure). All attachments should bear the legal name of the Applicant. Applicants should file completed applications and all related correspondence with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Docketing Division; 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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B. MANAGERIAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- B-1 Exhibit B-1 "Jurisdictions of Operation," provide a list of all jurisdictions in which the applicant or any affiliated interest of the applicant is, at the date of filing the application, certified, licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to provide retail or wholesale electric services.
- B-2 Exhibit B-2 "Experience & Plans," provide a description of the applicant's experience and plan for contracting with customers, providing contracted services, providing billing statements, and responding to customer inquiries and complaints in accordance with Commission rules adopted pursuant to Section 4928.10 of the Revised Code.
- B-3 Exhibit B-3 "Disclosure of Liabilities and Investigations," provide a description of all existing, pending or past rulings, judgments, contingent liabilities, revocation of authority, regulatory investigations, or any other matter that could adversely impact the applicant's financial or operational status or ability to provide the services it is seeking to be certified to provide.
- B-4 Disclose whether the applicant, a predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant have ever been convicted or held liable for fraud or for violation of any consumer protection or antitrust laws within the past five years.

 ☑ No ☐ Yes

If yes, provide a separate attachment labeled as **Exhibit B-4 "Disclosure of Consumer Protection Violations"** detailing such violation(s) and providing all relevant documents.

B-5 Disclose whether the applicant or a predecessor of the applicant has had any certification, license, or application to provide retail or wholesale electric service denied, curtailed, suspended, revoked, or cancelled within the past two years.

☑ No ☐ Yes

If yes, provide a separate attachment labeled as **Exhibit B-5** "Disclosure of Certification Denial, Curtailment, Suspension, or Revocation" detailing such action(s) and providing all relevant documents.

C. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

C-1 Exhibit C-1 "Annual Reports," provide the two most recent Annual Reports to Shareholders. If applicant does not have annual reports, the applicant should provide similar information in Exhibit C-1 or indicate that Exhibit C-1 is not applicable and why. (This is generally only applicable to publicly traded companies who publish annual reports.)

- C-2 <u>Exhibit C-2 "SEC Filings,"</u> provide the most recent 10-K/8-K Filings with the SEC. If the applicant does not have such filings, it may submit those of its parent company. An applicant may submit a current link to the filings or provide them in paper form. If the applicant does not have such filings, then the applicant may indicate in Exhibit C-2 that the applicant is not required to file with the SEC and why.
- C-3 Exhibit C-3 "Financial Statements." provide copies of the applicant's two most recent years of audited financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement). If audited financial statements are not available, provide officer certified financial statements. If the applicant has not been in business long enough to satisfy this requirement, it shall file audited or officer certified financial statements covering the life of the business. If the applicant does not have a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, the applicant may provide a copy of its two most recent years of tax returns (with social security numbers and account numbers redacted).
- C-4 <u>Exhibit C-4 "Financial Arrangements."</u> provide copies of the applicant's financial arrangements to conduct CRES as a business activity (e.g., guarantees, bank commitments, contractual arrangements, credit agreements, etc.,).

Renewal applicants can fulfill the requirements of Exhibit C-4 by providing a current statement from an Ohio local distribution utility (LDU) that shows that the applicant meets the LDU's collateral requirements.

First time applicants or applicants whose certificate has expired as well as renewal applicants can meet the requirement by one of the following methods:

- 1. The applicant itself stating that it is investment grade rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch and provide evidence of rating from the rating agencies.
- 2. Have a parent company or third party that is investment grade rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch guarantee the financial obligations of the applicant to the LDU(s).
- 3. Have a parent company or third party that is not investment grade rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch but has substantial financial wherewithal in the opinion of the Staff reviewer to guarantee the financial obligations of the applicant to the LDU(s). The guaranter company's financials must be included in the application if the applicant is relying on this option.
- 4. Posting a Letter of Credit with the LDU(s) as the beneficiary.

If the applicant is not taking title to the electricity or natural gas, enter "N/A" in Exhibit C-4. An N/A response is only applicable for applicants seeking to be certified as an aggregator or broker.

- C-5 <u>Exhibit C-5 "Forecasted Financial Statements,"</u> provide two years of forecasted income statements for the applicant's **ELECTRIC related business activities in the state of Ohio Only**, along with a list of assumptions, and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the preparer. The forecasts should be in an annualized format for the two years succeeding the Application year.
- C-6 Exhibit C-6 "Credit Rating," provide a statement disclosing the applicant's credit rating as reported by two of the following organizations: Duff & Phelps, Fitch IBCA, Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's, or a similar organization. In instances where an applicant does not have its own credit ratings, it may substitute the credit ratings of a parent or an affiliate organization, provided the applicant submits a statement signed by a principal officer of the applicant's parent or affiliate organization that guarantees the obligations of the applicant. If an applicant or its parent does not have such a credit rating, enter "N/A" in Exhibit C-6.
- C-7 <u>Exhibit C-7 "Credit Report,"</u> provide a copy of the applicant's credit report from Experian, Dun and Bradstreet or a similar organization. An applicant that provides an investment grade credit rating for Exhibit C-6 may enter "N/A" for Exhibit C-7.
- C-8 <u>Exhibit C-8 "Bankruptcy Information,"</u> provide a list and description of any reorganizations, protection from creditors or any other form of bankruptcy filings made by the applicant, a parent or affiliate organization that guarantees the obligations of the applicant or any officer of the applicant in the current year or within the two most recent years preceding the application.
- C-9 <u>Exhibit C-9 "Merger Information,"</u> provide a statement describing any dissolution or merger or acquisition of the applicant within the two most recent years preceding the application.
- C-10 Exhibit C-10 "Corporate Structure," provide a description of the applicant's corporate structure, not an internal organizational chart, including a graphical depiction of such structure, and a list of all affiliate and subsidiary companies that supply retail or wholesale electricity or natural gas to customers in North America. If the applicant is a stand-alone entity, then no graphical depiction is required and applicant may respond by stating that they are a stand-alone entity with no affiliate or subsidiary companies.

D. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- **D-1** Exhibit D-1 "Operations" provide a written description of the operational nature of the applicant's business. Please include whether the applicant's operations include the generation of power for retail sales, the scheduling of retail power for transmission and delivery, the provision of retail ancillary services as well as other services used to arrange for the purchase and delivery of electricity to retail customers.
- **D-2** Exhibit D-2 "Operations Expertise," given the operational nature of the applicant's business, provide evidence of the applicant's experience and technical expertise in performing such operations.
- D-3 <u>Exhibit D-3 "Key Technical Personnel,"</u> provide the names, titles, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and the background of key personnel involved in the operational aspects of the applicant's business.
- D-4 <u>Exhibit D-4 "FERC Power Marketer License Number,"</u> provide a statement disclosing the applicant's FERC Power Marketer License number. (Power Marketers only)

Signature of Applicant and Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th

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Gil Melman - Vice President, General Counsel

Signature of official administering oath
Print Name and Title

day of May

JANICE M WARD mission expires on July 25, 2021

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

State of	Texas	:	Houston		
County of_	Harris	:	(Town)	s.	
Gil Melm	an	, Affiant, 1	being duly sworn/affirm	ed according to law, depo	ses and says that:
He/She is tl	ne <u>Vice Preside</u>	nt, General Counsel	(Office of Affiant) of _	HIKO Energy, LLC	(Name of Applicant);

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant,

- 1. The Applicant herein, attests under penalty of false statement that all statements made in the application for certification renewal are true and complete and that it will amend its application while the application is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided in the application.
- 2. The Applicant herein, attests it will timely file an annual report with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of its intrastate gross receipts, gross earnings, and sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity pursuant to Division (A) of Section 4905.10, Division (A) of Section 4911.18, and Division (F) of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
- 3. The Applicant herein, attests that it will timely pay any assessments made pursuant to Sections 4905.10, 4911.18, or Division F of Section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.
- 4. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all Public Utilities Commission of Ohio rules or orders as adopted pursuant to Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code.
- 5. The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and its Staff on any utility matter including the investigation of any consumer complaint regarding any service offered or provided by the Applicant.
- 6. The Applicant herein, attests that it will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
- 7. The Applicant herein, attests that it will fully comply with Section 4928.09 of the Revised Code regarding consent to the jurisdiction of Ohio Courts and the service of process.
- 8. The Applicant herein, attests that it will use its best efforts to verify that any entity with whom it has a contractual relationship to purchase power is in compliance with all applicable licensing requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- 9. The Applicant herein, attests that it will cooperate fully with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the electric distribution companies, the regional transmission entities, and other electric suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize the safety and reliability of the electric service in accordance with the emergency plans and other procedures as may be determined appropriate by the Commission.
- 10. If applicable to the service(s) the Applicant will provide, the Applicant herein, attests that it will adhere to the reliability standards of (1) the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), (2) the appropriate regional reliability council(s), and (3) the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. (Only applicable if pertains to the services the Applicant is offering)

11. The Applicant herein, attests that it will inform the Commission of any material change to the information supplied in the renewal application within 30 days of such material change, including any change in contact person for regulatory purposes or contact person for Staff use in investigating customer complaints.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th day of May , 2018

Month Year

Gil Melman, Vice President, General Counsel

Algnature of official administering oath Print Name and Title

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JULY 25, 2021 (

Exhibit A-10: "Principal Officers, Directors, & Partners"

Name	Title	/ Address	Telephone
Nathan G. Kroeker	President, Chief Executive Officer	12140 Wickchester Ln., Ste. 100 Houston, TX 77079	281-833-4153
Gil Melman	Vice President, General Counsel	12140 Wickchester Ln., Ste. 100 Houston, TX 77079	281-833-4154
Jason Garrett	Executive Vice President	12140 Wickchester Ln., Ste. 100 Houston, TX 77079	832-200-3735
Robert Lane	Chief Financial Officer	12140 Wickchester Ln., Ste. 100 Houston, TX 77079	832-217-1860



Exhibit B-1

<u>Jurisdictions of Operation</u>

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Exhibit B-2 "Experience & Plans"

Experience

HIKO Energy, LLC ("HIKO") utilizes three main ways to contract with customers, phone enrollment, door to door enrollments and online enrollments. For all methods, customers are mailed our Terms of Service and are given a right of rescission, where applicable, if they do not wish to abide by the terms.

Contracting with Customers/Providing Contracted Services

HIKO provides competitively-priced electric products, while complying with all applicable laws and rules set forth by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, to customers in Ohio as it does in other states. All terms and conditions of the contract (pricing, terms, rights to terminate, etc.) are clearly disclosed to the customer.

Providing Billing Statements

Consolidated billing statement are provided to the customer through their utility company. HIKO establishes how much the customer owes for that month based on their rate and usage. They then send that amount to the utility company who includes HIKO's charges on their consolidated bill which is then provided to the customer.

Response to Customer Inquiries and Complaints

HIKO commits to maintaining a fully trained staff of representatives to fulfill the needs of our customers. HIKO utilizes a toll-free number specifically for Ohio customers and that number is provided on HIKO's website as well as the contract. HIKO is prepared to comply with all sections of Chapter 4901:1-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code. HIKO is highly proficient in accepting customer inquiries and responding to complaints and meets similar requirements in other markets.

Exhibit B-3



Disclosure of Liabilities and Investigations

HIKO Energy, LLC does not have any existing, pending or past rulings, judgements, contingent liabilities, revocation of authority, regulatory investigations or any other matter that could adversely impact the financial or operational status or ability to provide the services we are certified to provide.



Annual Reports

2017Annual Report: http://ir.sparkenergy.com/financial-information/annual-reports

2018 Annual Report: http://ir.sparkenergy.com/financial-information/annual-reports



SEC Filings

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Financial Statements

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Financial Arrangements

Attached please find a letter from FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities stating HIKO Energy's compliance with collateral and security requirements.



May 1, 2018

Joseph E. Lehmann Regulatory & Compliance HIKO Energy 12 College Road Monsey, NY 10952

Re: HIKO Energy, LLC CRES Status with FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities (Ohio Edison

Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison

Company)

To Whom It May Concern:

HIKO Energy, LLC, a certified competitive retail electric service provider in Ohio, has satisfied and is currently in compliance with our collateral and security requirements for FE OH Utilities (Ohio Edison, Toledo Edison, and Cleveland Electric).

FirstEnergy Corp.

Martin Massie

Name: Martin Massie Title: Credit Risk Analyst Phone: 330-315-6894



Forecasted Financial Statements

Attached please find HIKO Energy's Forecasted Financial Statements. The reports contain confidential and proprietary information and are being submitted under seal.



Credit Rating

N/A



Credit Report

Attached please find a current credit report for HIKO Energy, LLC

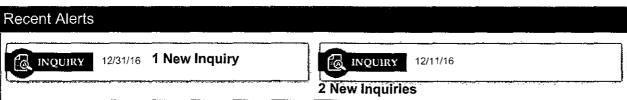


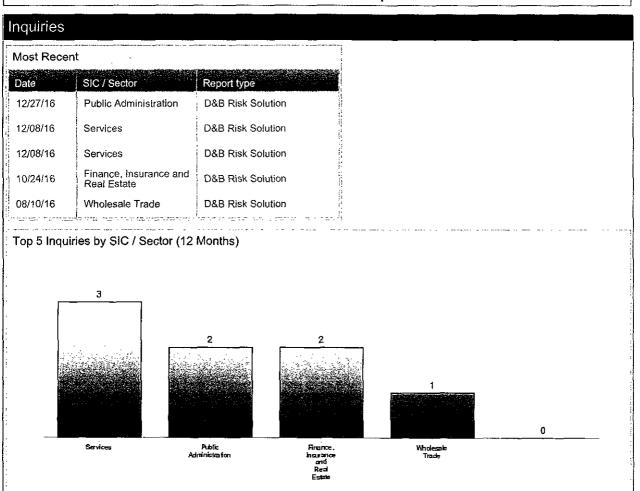
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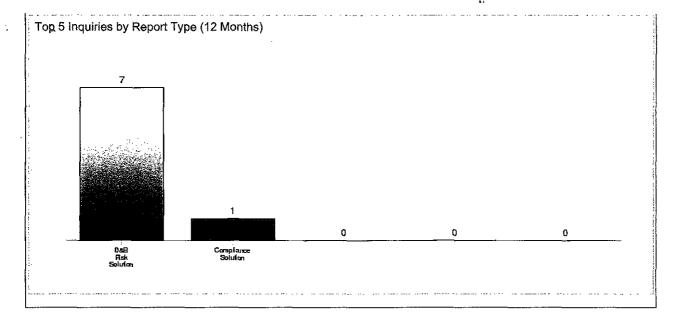
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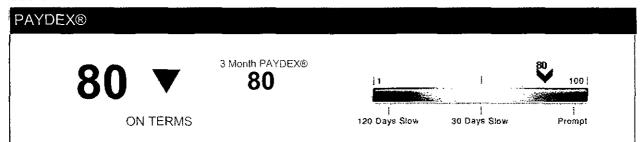
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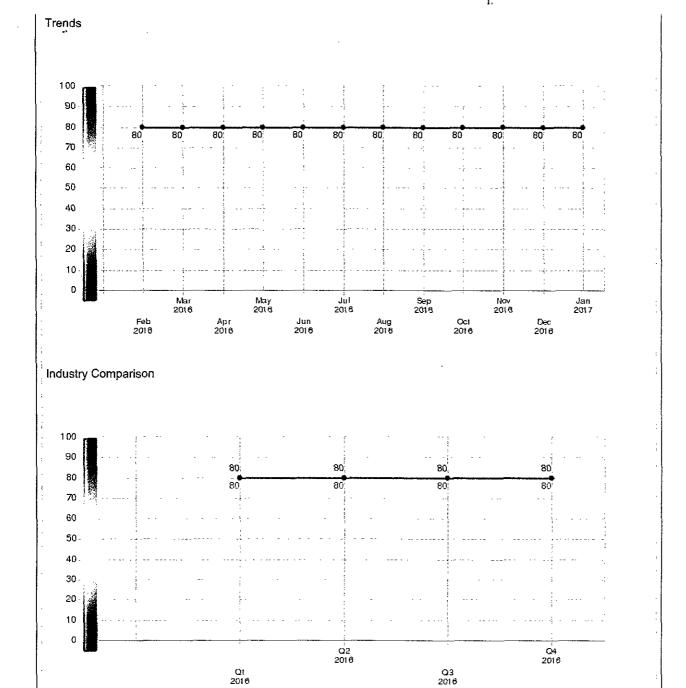


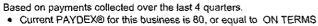
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01/2017	Ppt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		1 mo
12/2016	Ppt	\$0	\$500	\$0	and the second	1 mo
12/2016	Ppt	\$0	\$500	\$0		1 mo
11/2016	Ppt	\$50			uri sa	1 mo
09/2016	(005)	\$500			Cash account	1 mo
						*

Key			
PAYDEX®	Payment Practices	PAYDEX®	Payment Practices
100	Antícipate	40	60 Days Beyond Terms
90	Discount	30	90 Days Beyond Terms
80	Prompt	20	120 Days Beyond Terms
70	15 Days Beyond	1-19	Over 120 Days Beyond Terms
60	22 Days Beyond Terms	UN	Unavailable
50	30 Days Beyond Terms	ļ	. Waling to a company of the second of the s

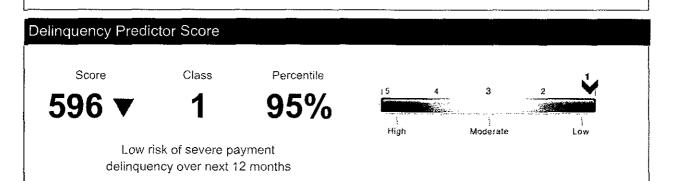




• My Company (80)

The present industry median score is 80, or equal to generally within terms.

• Industry Median: (80)



Understanding My Score

The D&B Delinquency Predictor (formerly the Commercial Credit Score) predicts the likelihood that a company will pay in a severely delinquent manner (91+ days past term) over the next 12 months, seek legal relief from creditors, or cease operations without paying all creditors in full over the next 12 months based on the information in D&B's database. A severely delinquent firm is defined as a business with at least 10% of its dollars 91+ days slow.

Incidence of Delinquent Payment:

Among Companies with this Classification:

1.10%

Factors Affecting Your Score:

Limited time under present management control

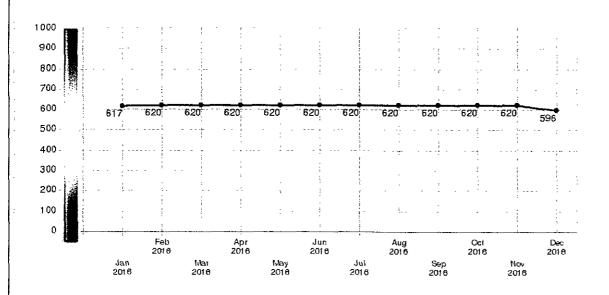
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Evidence of open liens

Higher risk industry based on delinquency rates for this industry

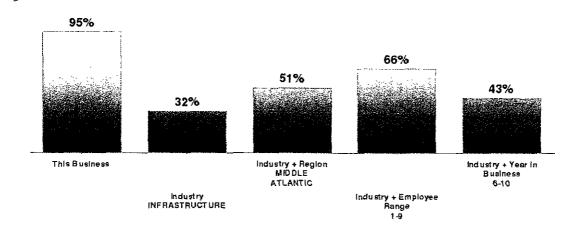
	Key			
. !	Risk Class	% of Businesses within this Class	Percentile	Score
	1	10%	91-100	580-670
	2	20%	71-90	530-579
:	3	40%	31-70	481-529
	4	20%	11-30	453-480
	5	10%	1-10	101-452

Trends - Scores, 12 Month



• My Company (596)

Industry Comparison



This business has a Credit Score Percentile that shows:

- · Lower risk than other companies in the same region.
- Lower risk than other companies in the same industry.
- · Lower risk than other companies in the same employee size range.

· Lower risk than other companies with a comparable number of years in business.

Financial Stress Score

Score

Class

Nat'l %

1481

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3

54%



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Moderate risk of severe financial stress, such as a bankruptcy, over the next 12 months

Understanding My Score

Incidence of Financial Stress:

Among Companies with this Classification:

0.24 (84 per 10000)

Factors Affecting Your Score:

Limited time under present management control

Higher risk legal structure.

UCC Filings reported.

 The Financial Stress Class Summary Model predicts the likelihood of a firm ceasing business without paying all creditors in full, or reorganization or obtaining relief from creditors under state/federal law over the next 12 months. Scores were calculated using a statistically valid model derived from D&B's extensive data files.

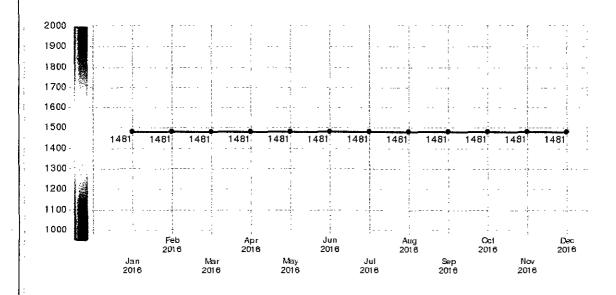
Notes:

- The Financial Stress Class indicates that this firm shares some of the same business and financial characteristics of other companies with this classification. It does not mean the firm will necessarily experience financial stress.
- The Incidence of Financial Stress shows the percentage of firms in a given Class that discontinued
 operations over the past year with loss to creditors. The Incidence of Financial Stress National Average
 represents the national failure rate and is provided for comparative purposes.
- The Financial Stress National Percentile reflects the relative ranking of a company among all scorable companies in D&B's file.

- The Financial Stress Score offers a more precise measure of the level of risk than the Class and Percentile. It is especially helpful to customers using a scorecard approach to determining overall business performance.
- · All Financial Stress Class, Percentile, Score and Incidence statistics are based on sample data from

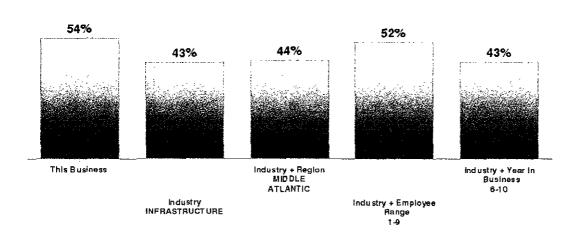
Key			
Score	Class	Percentile	Incidence of Financial Stress
1570-1875	1	95-100	6.0%
1510-1569	2	69-94	10.6%
1450-1509	3	34-68	18.4%
1340-1449	4	2-33	31.5%
1001-1339	5	1	70.0%

Trends - Scores, 12 Month



• My Company (1,481)

Industry Comparison



Based on payments collected over the last 4 quarters.

· Lower risk than other companies in the same region.

- · Lower risk than other companies in the same industry.
- Lower risk than other companies in the same employee size range.
- · Lower risk than other companies with a comparable number of years in business.

Supplier Evaluation Risk Rating

4 ▼



Moderate risk of supplier experiencing severe financial stress over the next 12 months.

Understanding My Score

The Supplier Evaluation Risk (SER) Rating predicts the likelihood that a supplier will cease business operations or become inactive over the next 12 month period based on the depth of predictive data attributes available on the business. The SER Rating scoring system uses statistical probabilities to classify public and private companies into a 1-9 risk rating, where 1 represents low risk and 9 represents high risk.

Factors Affecting This Company's Score:

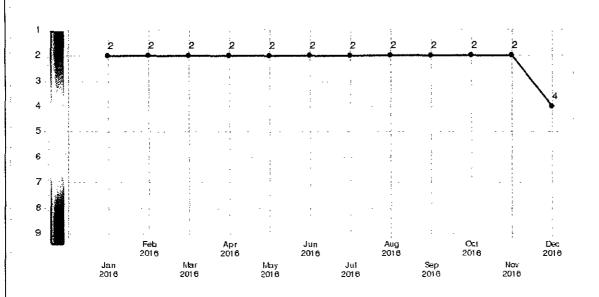
Higher risk industry based on inactive rate for this industry

Limited time under present management control

Limited business activity signals reported in the past 12 months

Evidence of open liens

Trends



My Company (4)

1

Aggressive Credit Limit \$25k



High

3 2

Low

Understanding My Score

D&B's Credit Limit Recommendation is intended to help you more easily manage your credit decisions. It provides two recommended dollar guidelines:

A conservative limit, which suggests a dollar benchmark if your policy is to extend less credit to minimize risk.

An aggressive limit, which suggests a dollar benchmark if your policy is to extend more credit with potentially more risk.

The dollar guideline amounts are based on a historical analysis of credit demand of customers in D&B's U.S. payments database which have a similar profile to your business.

D&B Rating®

Rating **PR**

Number of employees: 2R indicates 1 to 9 employees Composite Credit Appraisal: 2 is good

D&B Rating	Date Applied	
2R2	2013-08-07	
: - -	2010-01-27	** ***

Understanding My Score

Factors Affecting Your Score

of Employees Total: 6

: Payment Activity (based on 7 experiences):

Average High Credit: \$420

Highest Credit:

\$1,000

Total Highest Credit:

\$2,600

Note: The Worth amount in this section may have been adjusted by D&B to reflect typical deductions, such as certain intangible assets.

D&B Viability Rating

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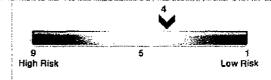
Viability Score



Compared to ALL US Businesses within the D&B Database:

- . Level of Risk: Low Risk
- Businesses ranked 3 have a probability of becoming no longer viable: 3%
- · Percentage of businesses ranked 3: 15%
- Across all US businesses, the average probability of becoming no longer viable: 14%

Portfolio Comparison



Compared to ALL US Businesses within the D&B Database:

- Model Segment: Established Trade Payments
- · Level of Risk: Low Risk
- Businesses ranked 4 within this model segment have a probability of becoming no longer viable; 4%
- Percentage of businesses ranked4 within this model segment: 11%
- Within this model segment, the average probability of becoming no longer viable; 5%

Data Depth Indicator



Data Depth Indicator:

Rich Firmographics Extensive Commercial Trading Activity Basic Financial Attributes



Company Profile

Not Available	Available (3+Trade)	Established
	Trade Payments	Years in Business

Compared to ALL US Businesses within the D&B Database:

- · Financial Data: Not Available
- Trade Payments: Available: 3+Trade
- Company Size: Small: Employees: <10 and Sales: <\$10K or Missing
- · Years in Business: Established: 5+

Inquiries

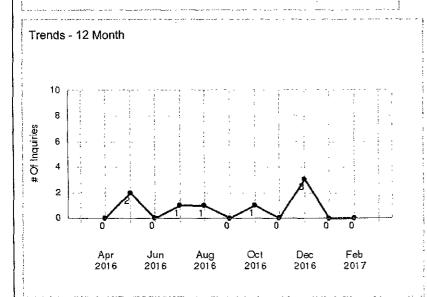
: 12 Month Summary

Over the past 12 months ending 3-2017, 8 individual requests for information on your company were received; this represents no change over the prior 12 month period. The 8 inquiries were made by 0 unique customers indicating that some

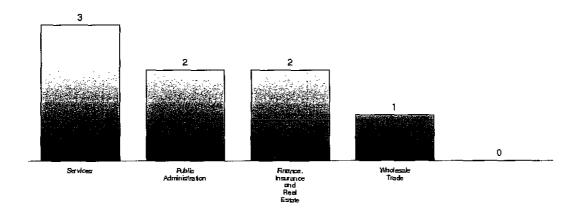
companies have inquired on your business multiple times and may be monitoring you. Of the total products purchased, 3, or 37.50% came from the Services sector; 2, or 25.00% came from the Public Administration sector; 2, or 25.00% came from the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector.

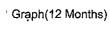
12 Month Total# Inquiries: 812 Month Unique Customers:0

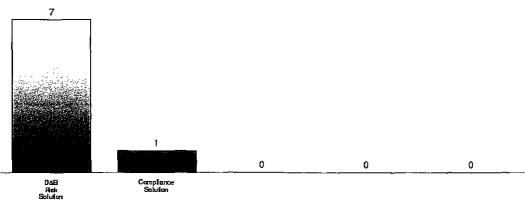
	Date ▼	Report type	SIC / Sector
	12/27/16	D&B Risk Solution	Public Administration
-	12/08/16	D&B Risk Solution	Services
-	12/08/16	D&B Risk Solution	Services
	10/24/16	D&B Risk Solution	Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
or entropies of	08/10/16	D&B Risk Solution	Wholesale Trade
	07/28/16	D&B Risk Solution	Services
-	05/25/16	Compliance Solution	Public Administration
- Augustania -	05/23/16	D&B Risk Solution	Finance, Insurance and Real Estate



Top 5 Inquiries by Report
Type (12 Months)







All Inquiries by Industry and SIC / Sector

0/0/0	Apr 2016 to	Jul 2016 to	Oct 2016 to	Jan 2017 to	Total
SIC/Sector	Jun 2016	Sep 2016	Dec 2016	Mar 2017	Inquiries
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1	0	1	0	2
Public Administration	1	0	1	0	2
Services	0	1	2	0	3
Transportation, Communications, Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	0	0	0	0	0
Wholesale Trade	0	1	0	0	1

Inquiries by Report Type

Report Type	Apr 2016 to Jun 2016	Jul 2016 to Sep 2016	Oct 2016 to Dec 2016	Jan 2017 to Mar 2017	Total
Compliance Solution	1	0	0	0	1
D&B Risk Solution	1	2	4	0	7
Payment Report	0	0	0	0	0

Payments

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated

Payments Summary

Current

80 Equal to ON TERMS

PAYDEX®:

80 Equal to GENERALLY WITHIN terms

Industry Median: Payment Trend:

Highest Past Due:

Unchanged, compared to payments three months ago

NA

Total payment Experiences in D&Bs File (HQ): 7
Payments Within Terms (not dollar weighted): 100
Total Placed For Collection: NA
Average Highest Credit: 420
Largest High Credit: 1,000
Highest Now Owing: 1,000

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Payments Summary by Industry

Total (Last 24 Months):

	Total Received	Total Dollar Amount	Largest High Credit Payment summary	Within Terms	31		Slow 81-90	90
Top industries								
Misc business credit	2	\$1,000	\$0	100%	0	0	0	0
Misc business service	1	\$1,000	\$1,000	100%	0	0	0	0
Lithographic printing	1	\$50	\$50	100%	0	0	0	0
Mfg misc office eapt	1	\$50	\$50	100%	0	0	0	0
Newspaper-print/publ	1	\$0	\$0	0%	0	0	0	0
Other Categories	1							
Cash experiences	1	\$500	\$500			-		
Unknown	0	\$0	\$0	**				
Unfavorable comments	0	\$0	\$0					
Placed for collections with D&B:	0	\$0	\$0			-		
Other	0	N/A	\$0					
Total in D&B's file	7	\$2,600	\$1,000					

Payments Beyond Terms

We currently don't have enough data to display this section.

All Payments

Total (Last 24 Months): 7

_	Date ▼	Paying Record	High Credit	Now Owes	Past Due	Selling Terms	Last sale w/f (Mo.)
	01/2017	Ppt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		1 mo
	12/2016	Ppt	*-	\$500	\$0		1 mo
l	12/2016	Ppt		\$500	\$0	w.p.	1 mo
	11/2016	Ppt	\$50				1 mo
	09/2016	(005)	\$500	•	-	Cash account	1 mo
	07/2016	(006)		\$0	\$0		6-12 mos
	02/2016	Ppt	\$50	\$0	\$0	N30	6-12 mos

Indications of slowness can be the result of disputes over merchandise, skipped invoices, etc. Accounts are sometimes placed in collection even though the existence or amount of debt is disputed.

The public record items contained in this report may have been paid, terminated, vacafed or released prior to the date this report was printed.

Company Overview

 Company Name:
 HIKO ENERGY LLC
 URL:
 NA

 Doing Business As:
 HIKO ENERGY LLC
 Stock Symbol:
 NA

 Street Address:
 12 College Road
 History:
 NA

 Monsey, NY 10952
 Operations:
 NA

 Phone:
 (845) 352-2742
 Present Management Control:
 NA

 Fax:
 NA
 Annual Sales:
 NA

History

The following information was reported: 01/12/2015

Officer(s): BRIAN GOTTESMAN, MBR-PRES JACK PERLMAN, MBR

The New York Secretary of State's business registrations file showed that Hiko Energy LLC was registered as a Limited Liability Company on January 14, 2010. Business name changed from Premier Energy Services, LLC to Hiko Energy LLC by charter amendment on November 2, 2010.

Ownership information provided verbally by Jack Perlman, Member, on Jan 27 2010.

Business started 2010.

BRIAN GOTTESMAN. Antecedents not available.

JACK PERLMAN. Work history unknown.

According to a published report dated Jan 8, 2015, HIKO Energy, LLC has agreed to pay \$2.1 million, including \$1.85 million in restitution to consumers, and to significantly revise its business practices, in order to resolve the Complaint filed by the Acting Attorney General, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), and New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.

According to a published report dated Jun 4, 2014, acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman, the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), represented by the Division of Law, have filed Complaints against three third-party energy suppliers: Palmco Power NJ, LLC & Palmco Energy NJ, LLC (collectively, "Palmco"); HIKO Energy LLC ("HIKO"); and Keil & Sons, Inc., d/b/a Systrum Energy ("Systrum").

The State alleges that the three companies, among other things, deceived consumers through misrepresentations about "competitive" monthly pricing and/or guarantees that consumers would see reductions in their monthly electric and/or natural gas bills if they switched from their utility providers. Rather than realize these savings, the consumers saw their energy bills skyrocket during this past winter when Palmco, HIKO, and Systrum charged far more per kilowatt or therm of energy than the consumers' previous suppliers.

The Complaints aflege violations of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, the Consumer Fraud Act, multiple regulations concerning energy licensing and registration, retail choice consumer protection, anti-slamming requirements, and advertising by energy suppliers, and/or the Plain Language Act.

The State seeks restitution for affected consumers, as well as civil penalties, attorneys' fees and costs; as well as future adherence to all applicable marketing, advertising, and contract standards.

Business Registration

We currently don't have enough data to display this section.

Operations

01/12/2015

Description:

Provides electric services, specializing in power generation. Provides natural gas distribution. WEBSITE:

Terms are cash, check or credit card. Sells to general public. Territory: United States.

Employees: 6 which includes partners.

Facilities: Rents 2,000 sq. ft. in a building.

Location: on well traveled street.

Branches: NA
Subsidiaries: NA
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SIC & NAICS

SIC:

Based on information in our file, D&B has assigned this company an extended 8-digit SIC. D&B's use of 8-digit SICs enables us to be more specific to a company's operations that if we use the standard 4-digit code. The 4-digit SIC numbers link to the description on the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Web site. Links open in a new browser window.

4911 9902 Generation, electric power 4924 0000 Natural gas distribution

NAICS:

221118 Other Electric Power Generation 221210 Natural Gas Distribution

Public Filings

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated

Summary

The following data includes both open and closed filings found in D&B's database on this company.

Record Type	# of Records Most Recent Filing Date		
Bankruptcy Proceedings		-	
Judgments	0	~	
Liens	1	10/26/16	
Suits	0	~	
UCCs	25	01/11/17	

The following Public Filing data is for information purposes only and is not the official record.

Certified copies can only be obtained from the official source.

Judgments

We currently don't have enough data to display this section.

Liens

A lien holder can file the same lien in more than one filing location. The appearance of multiple liens filed by the same lien holder against a debtor may be indicative of such an occurrence.

Amount:

1824

Status:

Open

DOCKET NO.

201600020565

Type State:

State Tax

Filed By:

COMMONWEALTH OF PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

HARRISBURG, PA

Against:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Where Filed: ALLEGHENY COUNTY PROTHONOTARY, PITTSBURGH, PA

Date Status Attained:

10/26/16

Date Filed:

10/26/16

Latest Info Received:

10/28/16

Suits

We currently don't have enough data to display this section.

UCC Filings

Collateral: Negotiable instruments and proceeds - Account(s) and proceeds -

General intangibles(s) and proceeds - Contract rights and proceeds

Type:

Sec.Party:

NATIONAL GRID NY, BROOKLYN, NYTHE BROOKLYN UNION GAS

COMPANY, BROOKLYN, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1504220197723

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

04/22/15

Latest Info Received:

05/04/15

Collateral:

Negotiable instruments and proceeds - Account(s) and proceeds -

General intangibles(s) and proceeds - Contract rights and proceeds

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION, HICKSVILLE, NYNATIONAL

GRID, HICKSVILLE, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1504220197646

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

04/22/15

Latest Info Received:

05/04/15

Collateral:

All Inventory including proceeds and products - All Account(s) including proceeds and products - All Computer equipment including proceeds and products - All General intangibles(s) including proceeds and products -

and OTHERS

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

M&T BANK, BUFFALO, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1205140273116

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

05/14/12

Latest Info Received:

05/21/12

Collateral:

All Inventory including proceeds and products - All Account(s) including proceeds and products - All Farm products/crops including proceeds and

products - All Computer equipment including proceeds and products -

and OTHERS

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

M&T BANK, BUFFALO, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1205140273128

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

05/14/12

Latest Info Received:

05/21/12

Type:

Continuation

Sec.Party:

M&T BANK, BUFFALO, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1611156347302

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

11/15/16

Latest Info Received:

12/14/16

Original Filing No.:

1205140273128

Original UCC Filed Date:

05/14/12

Collateral:

Accounts receivable including proceeds and products

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

NATIONAL GRID, SYRACUSE, NYNIAGARA MOHAWK POWER

CORPORATION, SYRACUSE, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1701110015306

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

01/11/17

Latest Info Received:

01/31/17

Collateral:

Accounts receivable including proceeds and products

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

NATIONAL GRID, SYRACUSE, NYNIAGARA MOHAWK POWER

CORPORATION, SYRACUSE, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1701110015293

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed: Latest Info Received: 01/11/17 01/31/17

Collateral:

Inventory including proceeds and products - Account(s) including proceeds and products - Farm products/crops including proceeds and products - Computer equipment including proceeds and products - and

OTHERS

Туре:

Original

Sec.Party:

M&T BANK, BUFFALO, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC 1402110082048

Filing No.: Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

02/11/14

Latest Info Received:

02/21/14

Collateral:

Inventory including proceeds and products - Account(s) including proceeds and products - Farm products/crops including proceeds and products - Computer equipment including proceeds and products - and

OTHERS

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

M&T BANK, BUFFALO, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1402110082036

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

02/11/14

Latest Info Received:

02/21/14

Collateral:

Inventory including proceeds and products - Account(s) including

proceeds and products - Farm products/crops including proceeds and products - Computer equipment including proceeds and products - and

OTHERS

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

M&T BANK, BUFFALO, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC

Filing No.:

1402110082024

Filed With:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Date Filed:

02/11/14

Latest Info Received:

02/21/14

Collateral:

Accounts receivable including proceeds and products - Account(s)

including proceeds and products

Type:

Original

Sec.Party:

NATIONAL GRID, SYRACUSE, NYNIAGARA MOHAWK POWER

CORPATION, SYRACUSE, NY

Debtor:

HIKO ENERGY LLC 1106218208085

Filing No.:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, ALBANY, NY

Filed With: Date Filed:

06/21/11

Latest Info Received:

06/29/11

The public record items contained herein may have been paid, terminated, vacated or released prior to totoday's date.

Government Activity

Summary

Borrower (Dir/Guar):

NO

Administrative Debt:

NO

Contractor:

NO NO

Grantee: NO Party Excluded from Federal NO

program(s):

Possible Candidate:

Labor Surplus Area:

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Small Business:

N/A

8(A) Firm:

N/A

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Banking & Finance

Financial Statements

We currently don't have enough data to display this section.

Banking

We currently don't have enough data to display this section.

Special Events

01/12/2015

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Corporate Linkage

, ·		
Parent		
Company Name	DUNS#	City, State
HIKO ENERGY LLC	83-326-7888	MONSEY, NEW YORK
Headquarters (US)		
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US Linkages		
V	Ve currently don't have enough data to display this sec	ction.
International Linkages		,
	Ve currently don't have enough data to display this sec	ction.



Bankruptcy Information

Neither HIKO Energy, LLC nor any of its affiliates have made any bankruptcy filings in the current year or within the two most recent years prior to this filing.



Merger Information

HIKO Energy, LLC ("HIKO") underwent a change of control in which Spark Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Spark Energy") and its affiliates acquired all of the equity of HIKO. HIKO was acquired by Spark Energy on March 1, 2018.

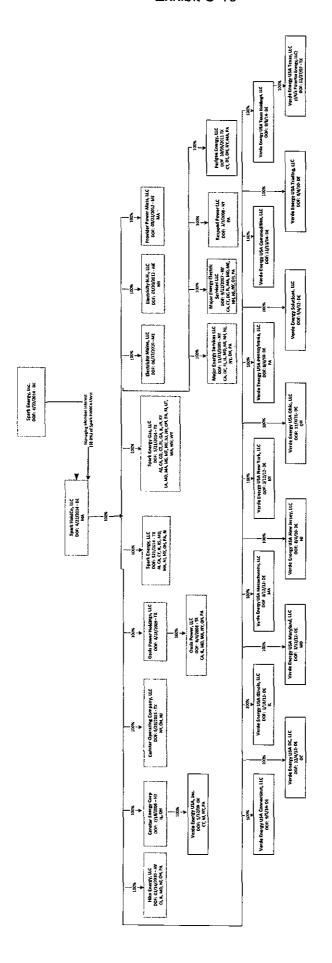


Exhibit D-1



Operations

HIKO Energy's IT Department has developed an internal system to manage many EDI tasks, billing and file transfer functions. We also continue to use the services of EC Info Systems ("ECI") to manage some of the back end functions. ECI provides some EDI, CIS, and Billing functions. HIKO works with larger pipelines, such as TGT (Tennessee Gas transmission), TGP (Tennessee Gas Pipeline), Tetco (Texas Eastern Transmission Pipeline), Transco (Transcontinental Gas Pipeline), DTI (Dominion Transmission Inc.), Trans Canada, and AGT (Algonquin Gas Transmission).

HIKO has their customer service center in-house and employs highly-trained customer service representatives with many years of experience in the energy field. HIKO aims to keep the level of customer service at a high level. Every call is monitored and recorded. We listen to these recordings on a random basis to ensure that each customer service representative is treating our customers with respect and help to resolve all issues they may have. We take our customer service very seriously, and it is our goal to have only positive feedback.

HIKO works with very reputable, first class marketing companies for all marketing campaigns. Our marketing coordinators keep the quality control under a very careful watch. Supervisors monitor and listen to calls to ensure our quality remains at the level we expect.



Operations Expertise and Key Technical Personnel

NATHAN KROEKER – President – Chief Executive Officer 12140 Wickchester Ln., Suite 100 Houston, TX 77079

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Nathan Kroeker, appointed President of Spark Energy in April 2012, is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and helping shape the overall strategy of the company. Nathan is a 18-year industry veteran with diverse experience in public accounting, M&A, and both retail and wholesale energy.

Nathan first joined the company in July 2010 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Spark Energy Ventures. Prior to Spark, Nathan held senior finance and leadership roles with Macquarie and Direct Energy. He began his career in public accounting, including both audit and M&A advisory functions.

Before joining Spark Energy in July 2010, Mr. Kroeker was the Finance SVP for Macquarie Bank's global wholesale energy business. Prior to that, he held several senior Finance & Portfolio Management roles at Direct Energy. Mr. Kroeker began his career in public accounting including both audit and M&A advisory.

Mr. Kroeker graduated with honors with a Bachelors of Commerce degree from the University of Manitoba. He has both a CPA in Texas as well as a CA in Canada.

GIL MELMAN - Vice President and General Counsel 12140 Wickchester Ln., Suite 100 Houston, TX 77079 Phone: (281) 833-4154

Mr. Melman, Vice President, General Counsel, & Corporate Secretary of Spark Energy, is responsible for Spark Energy's legal, risk management, and compliance matters. Prior to joining Spark Energy, Gil served as the General Counsel to Madagascar Oil Limited, an oil and gas exploration and production company. Previously, he has acted as general counsel and in-house counsel to several energy companies as well as a regional private equity fund.

Gil began his career practicing corporate law with the law firm of Vinson & Elkins LLP, where his focus was primarily in corporate securities and mergers and acquisitions primarily in the energy industry.

Gil holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.



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Jason Garrett served as Executive Vice President of Continuum Energy prior to joining Spark Energy Gas, LLC in 2015. Before joining Continuum Energy he served as Senior Vice President and General Manager with Just Energy.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans and an MBA from the University of New Orleans. Mr. Garrett is a 21-year veteran of the finance and energy industry and is a certified six sigma black belt.

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Robert Lane has over two decades of experience in investment banking and corporate finance, including two stints as CFO, most recently for Emerge Energy Services LP. He led Emerge through an IPO, several expansions of its credit facility, and built a finance and accounting team from scratch to help grow company value from \$500 million of enterprise value to over \$3.5 billion of enterprise value at its peak.

He brings public company experience, together with a long list of M&A and capital markets transactions, to our team. Mr. Lane is a Houston native, a graduate of Princeton University and earned his MBA at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School; he is also both a CPA and a CFA.

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