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August 10, 2018

Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

RE: Electric Aggregator/Power Broker Renewal Application — Trebel, LLC

CASE # 14-1390-EL-AGG

Trebel, LLC is pleased to submit its renewal application for electric aggregator and broker. The original application has been notarized and signed by an authorized official.

Exhibits C3 and C5 are forthcoming and will be submitted on or before August 10, 2018 and will be submitted under seal by Carpenter, Lipps and Leland, LLP.

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (614) 425.4885.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Belcastro Principal 614.425.4885 scott@electricsuppliers.org

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RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC AGGREGATORS/POWER BROKERS

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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A. <u>RENEWAL INFORMATION</u>

- A-1 Applicant intends to be certified as: (check all that apply)
 - ✓ Power Broker ✓ Aggregator

A-2 Applicant's legal name, address, telephone number, PUCO certificate number, and web site address

Legal Name_ Trebell, LLC

Address 1216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907

PUCO Certificate # and Date Certified 14-867E(2), September 11, 2016

Telephone # (614)425-4885 Web site address (if any) www.trebelllc.com

A-3 List name, address, telephone number and web site address under which Applicant will do business in Ohio

Legal Name Trebel, LLC		
Address 1216 Lexington Ave.,	Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907	
Telephone # (614)425-4885	Web site address (if any) www.trebelllc.com	

A-4 List all names under which the applicant does business in North America

A-5 Contact person for regulatory or emergency matters

Name Scott Belcastro	0		
Title Principal			
Business address 1	216 Lexington Ave., Suite 301, M	lansfield, OH 44907	
Telephone # (614)42	25-4885	Fax # (614)417-0410	
E-mail address	scott@electricsuppliers.org		

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A-6 Contact person for Commission Staff use in investigating customer complaints

Name Scott Belcastr	0		
Title Principal			
Business address 1	216 Lexington Ave.,	Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907	
Telephone # (614)4	25-4885	Fax # (614)417-0140	Lib
E-mail address	scott@electrics	uppliers.org	

A-7 Applicant's address and toll-free number for customer service and complaints

Customer Service ad	Idress 1216 Lexington /	Ave., Suite 301, Mansfield, OH 44907
Toll-free Telephone	# (877)861-2772	Fax # (614)417-0410
E-mail address	scott@electricsuppli	ers.org

A-8 Applicant's federal employer identification number # 27-3437017

A-9 Applicant's form of ownership (check one)

Sole Proprietorship
Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
Corporation

Partnership
Limited Liability Company (LLC)
Other

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

A-10 <u>Exhibit A -10 "Principal Officers, Directors & Partners"</u> provide the names, titles, addresses and telephone numbers of the applicant's principal officers, directors, partners, or other similar officials.

B. APPLICANT MANAGERIAL CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AS SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS AND LABEL AS INDICATED:

- B-1 <u>Exhibit B-1 "Jurisdictions of Operation,"</u> 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 including aggregation 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.
- Disclose whether the applicant, a predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of B-4 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.

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

- Exhibit C-1 "Annual Reports," provide the two most recent Annual Reports to C-1 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 Exhibit C-2 "SEC Filings," 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:

 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 guarantor company's financials must be included in the application if the applicant is relying on this option.

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.

- Exhibit C-5 "Forecasted Financial Statements," provide two years of forecasted C-5 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.
- Exhibit C-6 "Credit Rating," provide a statement disclosing the applicant's credit rating C-6 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.
- Exhibit C-7 "Credit Report," provide a copy of the applicant's credit report from C-7 Experion, 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.
- Exhibit C-8 "Bankruptcy Information," provide a list and description of any C-8 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.
- Exhibit C-9 "Merger Information," provide a statement describing any dissolution or C-9 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.

Freigel Signature of Applicant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this	9th day of AUGUST	2018
Month		Year

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Signature of official administering oath CHAOT NO. 1.

CHAOTHOMAS MILLER, NOTARY Print Name and Title

My commission expires on 08/21/2019

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

State of Ohio :

MANSFIELD ss. (Town)

County of RICITLAND :

Scott Belesstre, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:

He/She is the PRINCIPAL (Office of Affiant) of TREBELL, LLC (Name of Applicant);

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 jcopardize 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.
- 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.

Principal Signature of Affiant & Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this 9th day of August, 2018 Month

Signature of official administering oath

CHAD THEMAS MILLEL, NOTALY Print Name and Title

Year

My commission expires on 08/21/2018





Exhibit A-10

"Principal Officers, Directors & Partners"

Scott Belcastro, Principal 1216 Lexington Ave., STE 301 Mansfield, OH 44907 614.425.4885 (W) 614.417.0410 (F)





"Jurisdictions of Operation"

The following is a list of primary states where we are licensed to operate:

OH- Licensed since 2012





"Experience & Plans"

Trebel operates in Ohio in a Consulting / Broker capacity to residential, Commercial, and Governmental Aggregator customers. Trebel assists customers with the purchase of electricity to be served by one of the many PUCO licensed electric providers.

Trebel will not be involved in any direct billing. While we may assist customers with billing questions most billing related questions can be direct to the supplier themselves. Other issues will be directed to the appropriate utility directly.

Trebel, LLC has experience in managing numerous governmental programs in the Ohio market and is now one of the largest Governmental Aggregation consultants in Ohio based on the number of programs managed. Trebel also has served numerous commercial and residential customers to choose generation service for their facility or home.

Trebel provides energy related services, including but not limited to the following:

- Evaluate existing energy costs and rates and provide market expertise;
- Assist customers with questions about their service;
- Where applicable prepare Request of Proposal (RFP);
- Assist with usage data collection and verification;
- Pre-screen all energy suppliers and act as point of contact;
- Assist with the preparation and submission of Governmental Aggregation application for the Public Utilities of Oho ("PUCO");
- Assist with preparation of resolutions, public notices, Plan of Operations and Governance, and communications with residents; Work directly with suppliers to meet all requirements related to local government's aggregation plan. This includes preparation of all notifications required to be sent to participants;
- Act as an exclusive sourcing agent with the suppliers;
- Assist with preparation of ongoing reporting requirements of the PUCO.



"Disclosure of Liabilities and Investigations"

There have been no complaints filed against Trebel, LLC that could adversely impact Trebels financial or operational status or ability to provide consulting / broker services.





"Disclosure of Consumer Protection Violations"

None. See application.





"Disclosure of Certification Denial, curtailment, Suspension, or Revocation"

Trebel, LLC has not had any certification, license, or application to provide retail or wholesale electric service including aggregation service denied, curtailed, suspended, revoked, or cancelled within the past two years.





"Annual Reports"

Trebel does not issue annual reports. As of 5/22/2012 Trebel is solely owned by Scott R Belcastro.

Please see Exhibit C-3 for financial statements (Redacted).





"SEC Filings"

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Trebel is not required to file SEC filings. Trebel is a privately held Limited Liability Company.





"Financial Statements"

Sections C-3 and C-5 of this document is confidential and is being submitted under seal to prevent disclosure.





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Exhibit C-4

"Financial Arrangements"

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Not applicable. Trebel does not take possession or title to any of the electric being delivered to customers.



"Forecasted Financial Statements"

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"Credit Rating"

Dun and Bradstreet: No credit rating at this time. Trebel does not have lines of trade in order to establish credit.





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See C-6. Not applicable.

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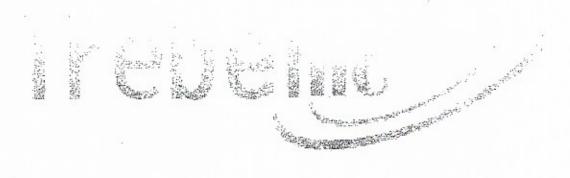
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"Bankruptcy Information"

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Not applicable.





"Merger Information"

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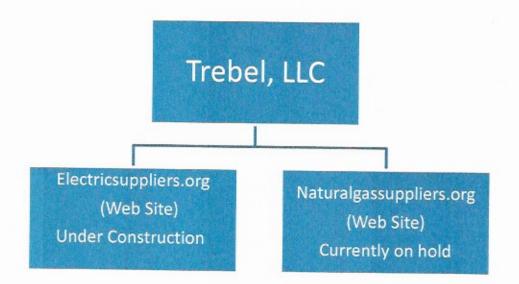
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"Corporate Structure"





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Summary: Application For Certification Renewal as an Electric Aggregator/Broker electronically filed by Mr. Scott Belcastro on behalf of Trebel, LLC