

November 28, 2018

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
ATTN: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Re: Linde Energy Services, Inc.'s Notification of Non-Material Corporate Changes;
Case No. 08-1055-EL-CRS**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Rule 4901:1-24-11 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's ("PUCO" or "Commission") rules and regulations requires that Competitive Retail Electric Service ("CRES") providers notify the Commission of certain events, including certain changes in ownership. In compliance with this requirement, Linde Energy Services, Inc. ("LESI"), is filing this notice that LESI's ultimate parent company changed from Linde AG to Linde PLC on October 31, 2018, with the closing of the merger between Praxair, Inc., and Linde AG.

The closing of the Linde AG-Praxair, Inc., merger does not change LESI's immediate corporate ownership. LESI remains a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Linde LLC, which, in turn, is a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Linde North America, Inc. The current change also does not impact LESI's personnel or operations. While this change does not represent a material change, LESI provides this informational report for the Commission's reference.

LESI will keep the Commission apprised of further changes in ownership associated with the multi-step Linde-Praxair merger, namely the divestiture of certain Linde subsidiaries, including LESI, which was a condition of Federal Trade Commission approval of the merger. Such divestiture must occur no later than January 29, 2019.¹

¹ See *In the Matter of Linde AG a corporation, Praxair, Inc. a corporation, and Linde PLC a corporation*, Docket No. C-4660 (F.T.C.) (requiring all divestitures to occur no later than January 29, 2019); see also *Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, In the Matter of Linde AG a corporation, Praxair, Inc. a corporation, and Linde PLC a corporation*, Docket No. C-4660 (F.T.C., Oct. 19, 2018) (requiring companies to remain separate and independent until the asset divestitures have been completed).

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this informational filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Summary: Correspondence Letter notifying PUCO of non-material corporate change electronically filed by Mr. Matthew R. Pritchard on behalf of Linde Energy Services Inc.