

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MICHTECH LLC FOR CERTIFICATION AS
A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC
BROKER/AGGREGATOR IN OHIO.**

CASE NO. 18-334-EL-AGG

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on April 3, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of MichTech LLC for certification as a competitive retail electric aggregator/broker.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.08 provides that retail electric suppliers, which includes brokers and aggregators, that provide competitive retail electric service (CRES) aggregator/broker 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 or deny the application within 90 days after the date of suspension.

{¶ 3} On February 26, 2018, MichTech LLC (MichTech) filed an application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator. In support of its application, MichTech provided information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRES.

{¶ 4} By Entry issued March 28, 2018, in accordance with R.C. 4928.08 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, the attorney examiner suspended MichTech's application from the 30-day automatic approval process, in order that the Commission and Staff could further review this matter.

{¶ 5} On September 17, 2018, and October 15, 2018, MichTech supplemented the application with information requested by Staff.

{¶ 6} Staff filed its review and recommendation on November 29, 2018. Staff stated that, although MichTech had supplemented the application, not all of the information that Staff requested had been filed.¹ As a result, Staff recommended denial of the application.

{¶ 7} On December 6, 2018, the attorney examiner issued an Entry providing MichTech an opportunity to respond to Staff's November 29, 2018 review and recommendation and/or request a hearing on its application for certification.

{¶ 8} MichTech filed additional information on January 18, 2019, and February 12, 2019, that appeared to be responsive to Staff's information requests.

{¶ 9} On March 1, 2019, Staff filed a supplemental review and recommendation. Staff indicates that the filings by MichTech on September 17, 2018, October 15, 2018, January 18, 2019, and February 12, 2019, satisfies Staff's prior requests for additional information. As such, Staff now recommends approval of the application.

{¶ 10} Upon review of the application filed by MichTech on February 26, 2018, as supplemented on September 17, 2018, October 15, 2018, January 18, 2019, and February 12, 2019, and Staff's March 1, 2019 recommendation, the Commission finds that MichTech's application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator should be approved.

III. ORDER

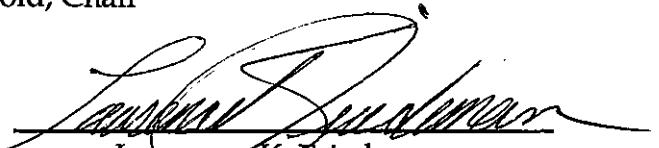
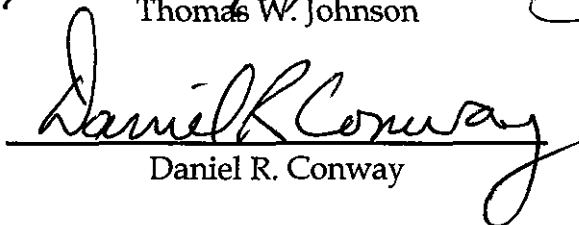
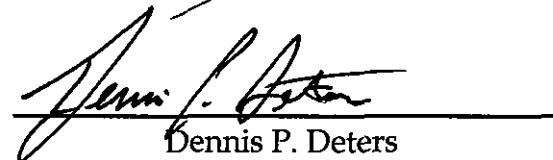
{¶ 11} It is, therefore,

¹ Staff noted in its November 29, 2019 review and recommendation that MichTech was missing information to satisfy Exhibits A-3 and A-15 of the Commission's certification application. Exhibit A-3 requires an applicant to indicate name, address, telephone number, and website address under which the applicant will do business in Ohio. Exhibit A-15 requires an applicant to provide evidence of registration with the Ohio Secretary of State.

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That MichTech's application for certification as a CRES broker and aggregator be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record in this case.

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