

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
EMPOWER GAS & ELECTRIC LLC FOR  
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE  
RETAIL NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER.

CASE NO. 15-1329-GA-CRS

## ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on February 13, 2020

### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the request of Empower Gas & Electric LLC to withdraw its renewal application to provide competitive retail natural gas service in Ohio.

### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4929.20 provides that retail natural gas suppliers that provide competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRNGS, with the initial certification to be renewed on a biennial basis.

{¶ 3} On September 13, 2019, Empower Gas & Electric LLC (Empower) filed an application for certification renewal as a CRNGS supplier.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated October 11, 2019, the attorney examiner suspended, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, the 30-day automatic approval process with respect to Empower's application for certification renewal, in order to permit the Commission and Staff to further review the matter.

{¶ 5} On January 21, 2020, Empower filed a notice of withdrawal of its renewal application. In the notice, Empower states that it withdraws the application without prejudice and, therefore, reserves the right to seek certification from the Commission in the future.

{¶ 6} The Commission finds that Empower's request to withdraw its application for certification renewal as a CRNGS supplier should be granted.

**III. ORDER**

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Empower's request to withdraw its certification renewal application be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman

M. Beth Trombold

Lawrence K. Friedeman

Daniel R. Conway

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