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Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus OH 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Tomorrow Energy Corp for Certification as a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Supplier, Case No. 13-1641-GA-CRS.

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find Staff's Review and Recommendation in the Matter of the Application of Tomorrow Energy Corp for Certification as a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Supplier, Case No. 13-1641-GA-CRS.

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Staff Review and Recommendation for

Tomorrow Energy Corporation

Case No. 13-1641-GA-CRS

Tomorrow Energy Corporation (Tomorrow Energy or Applicant) filed an application to renew its competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) supplier certificate on August 5, 2019 (the Application). On August 9, 2019, the Application was suspended by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or Commission) to allow the Commission and Staff additional time to review the application. Entry in Case No. 13-1641-GA-CRS.

On December 10, 2019, Staff issued a probable noncompliance letter to Tomorrow Energy, for alleged violations of Ohio's CRNGS and competitive retail electric service (CRES) rules. After working in collaboration with Tomorrow Energy for several months, on May 8, 2020 Staff reached a joint stipulation with Tomorrow Energy (the Stipulation). (*See* Case No. 20-1009-GE-UNC). As part of the Stipulation, Tomorrow Energy addressed Staff's concerns by revising their compliance plan, telemarketing enrollment process, and door-to-door marketing and enrollment process. Additionally, Tomorrow Energy no longer uses a multiple transfer marketing method that was a source of confusion for several customers.

Through the resolution of the probable noncompliance letter with the Stipulation, Staff's concerns with Tomorrow Energy's managerial and technical capabilities have been addressed. With the changes implemented by Tomorrow Energy, Staff believes that appropriate steps have been taken to help prevent future issues of non-compliance with Commission rules. Staff has also reviewed and evaluated the certification application, accompanying exhibits, and amendments. Based on this review, Staff believes the application filed by Tomorrow Energy demonstrates that Tomorrow Energy has the financial, managerial, and technical capabilities to continue to provide CRNGS in Ohio. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Tomorrow Energy's renewal application.

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