

DIS Case Number: 03-0751-GA-AGG

Section A: Application Information

A-1. Provider type:

☑ Retail Natural Gas☑ Retail Natural Gas☐ Retail Natural GasBrokerAggregatorMarketer

A-2. Applicant's legal name and contact information.

Legal Name: H. P. Technologies, Inc. **Country:** United States **Phone:** 4408223188 **Extension (if Street:** 8834 Mayfield Rd.

applicable):

Website (if any): www.utility-savings.net City: Chesterland Province/State: OH

Postal Code: 44026

A-3. Names and contact information under which the applicant will do business in Ohio

Provide the names and contact information the business entity will use for business in Ohio. This does not have to be an Ohio address and may be the same contact information given in A-2.

Name	Туре	Address	Active?	Proof
H. P. Technologies, Inc.	Official Name	8834 Mayfield Rd. Chesterland, OH 44026	Yes	File

A-4. Names under which the applicant does business in North America

Provide all business names the applicant uses in North America, including the names provided in A-2 and A-3.

Name Type	Address	Active?	Proof
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A-5. Contact person for regulatory matters



David Ramos 33648 Saint Francis Drive Avon, OH 44011 US david@energypricechoice.com 4408223188

A-6. Contact person for PUCO Staff use in investigating consumer complaints

David Ramos 33648 Saint Francis Drive Avon, OH 44011 US david@energypricechoice.com 4408223188

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

Phone: 4408223188 Extension (if Country: United States

applicable):

Fax: 440-536- **Extension (if applicable): Street:** 8834 Mayfield Rd.

9553

Email: david@utility-savings.net City: Chesterland Province/State: OH

Postal Code: 44026

A-8. Applicant's federal employer identification number

34-1424228

A-9. Applicant's form of ownership

Form of ownership: Corporation

A-10. Identify current or proposed service areas

Identify each service area in which the applicant is currently providing service or intends to provide service and identify each customer class that the applicant is currently serving or intends to serve.

Service area selection

Columbia Gas of Ohio



Dominion Energy Ohio
Duke Energy Ohio
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio

Class of customer selection

Industrial Residential Small Commercial Large Commercial

A-11. Start date

Indicate the approximate start date the applicant began/will begin offering services: 01-01-1996

A-12. Principal officers, directors, and partners

Please provide all contacts that should be listed as an officer, director or partner.

Name	Email	Title	Address
David Ramos	david@utility-savings.net	Director of Procurement	8834 Mayfield Road Chesterland, OH 44026 US
Dan Martin	dmartin@innovestglobal.co m	Owner	8834 Mayfield Road Chesterland, OH 44026 US

A-13. Company history

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administration, and client management. Furthermore, we have been instrumental in addressing client concerns, complaints, etc.

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A-14. Secretary of State

Secretary of State Link:



A-15. Proof of Ohio Employee and Office

Provide proof of an Ohio Office and Employee in accordance with Section 4929.22of the Ohio Revised Code. List the designated Ohio employee's name, Ohio office address, telephone number and web site address

Employee Name: David Ramos 33648 Saint Francis Drive Avon, OH 44011 US david@energypricechoice.com 4408223188

Section B: Applicant Managerial Capability and Experience

B-1. Jurisdiction of operations

List all jurisdictions in which the applicant or any affiliated interest of the applicant is certified, licensed, registered or otherwise authorized to provide retail natural gas service or retail/wholesale electric service as of the date of filing the application..

File Attached

B-2. Experience and plans

Describe the applicant's experience in providing the service(s) for which it is applying (e.g., number and type of customers served, utility service areas, amount of load, etc.). Include the 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 Sections 4928.10 and/or 4929.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

File(s) attached

B-3. Disclosure of liabilities and investigations

For the applicant, affiliate, predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant, describe all existing, pending or past rulings, judgments, findings, contingent liabilities, revocation of authority, regulatory investigations, judicial actions, or other formal or informal notices of violations, or any other matter related to competitive services in Ohio or equivalent services in another jurisdiction..



Liability and Investigations Disclosures: H. P. Technologies, Inc. has never had any 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.

B-4. Disclosure of consumer protection violations

Has the applicant, affiliate, predecessor of the applicant, or any principal officer of the applicant been convicted orheld liable for fraud or for violation of any consumer protection or antitrust laws within the past five years?

No

B-5. Disclosure of certification, denial, curtailment, suspension or revocation

Has the applicant, affiliate, or a predecessor of the applicant had any certification, license, or application to provide retail natural gas or retail/wholesale electric service denied, curtailed, suspended, revoked, or cancelled or been terminated or suspended from any of Ohio's Natural Gas or Electric Utility's Choice programs within the past two years?

No

Section C: Applicant Financial Capability and Experience

C-1. Financial reporting

Provide a current link to the most recent Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or upload the form. If the applicant does not have a Form 10-K, submit the parent company's Form 10-K. If neither the applicant nor its parent is required to file Form 10-K, state that the applicant is not required to make such filings with the SEC and provide an explanation as to why it is not required.

Does not apply



C-2. Financial statements

Provide copies of the applicant's <u>two most recent years</u> of audited financial statements, including a 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, provide 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 bank account numbers redacted.**

If the applicant is unable to meet the requirement for two years of financial statements, the Staff reviewer may request additional financial information.

Preferred to file this information confidentially

C-3. Forecasted financial statements

Provide two years of forecasted income statements based <u>solely</u> on the applicant's anticipated business activities in the state of Ohio.

Include the following information with the forecast: a list of assumptions used to generate the forecast; a statement indicating that the forecast is based solely on Ohio business activities only; and the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the preparer of the forecast.

The forecast may be in one of two acceptable formats: 1) an annual format that includes the current year and the two years succeeding the current year; or 2) a monthly format showing 24 consecutive months following the month of filing this application broken down into two 12-month periods with totals for revenues, expenses, and projected net incomes for both periods. Please show revenues, expenses, and net income (revenues minus total expenses) that is expected to be earned and incurred in **business activities only in the state of Ohio** for those periods.

If the applicant is filing for both an electric certificate and a natural gas certificate, please provide a separate and distinct forecast for revenues and expenses representing Ohio electric business activities in the application for the electric certificate and another forecast representing Ohio natural gas business activities in the application for the natural gas certificate.

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C-4. Credit rating

Provide a credit opinion disclosing the applicant's credit rating as reported by at least one of the following ratings agencies: Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's Financial Services, Fitch Ratings or the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. If the applicant does not have its own credit ratings, substitute the credit ratings of a parent or an affiliate organization and submit 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 'Not Rated'.

This does not apply

C-5. Credit report

Provide a copy of the applicant's credit report from Experian, Equifax, TransUnion, Dun and Bradstreet or a similar credit reporting organization. If the applicant is a newly formed entity with no credit report, then provide a personal credit report for the principal owner of the entity seeking certification. At a minimum, the credit report must show summary information and an overall credit score. **Bank/credit account numbers and highly sensitive identification information must be redacted.** If the applicant provides an acceptable credit rating(s) in response to C-4, then the applicant may select 'This does not apply' and provide a response in the box below stating that a credit rating(s) was provided in response to C-4.

File(s) attached

C-6. Bankruptcy information

Within the previous 24 months, have any of the following filed for reorganization, protection from creditors or any other form of bankruptcy?

- Applicant
- Parent company of the applicant
- Affiliate company that guarantees the financial obligations of the applicant
- Any owner or officer of the applicant

No

C-7. Merger information

Is the applicant currently involved in any dissolution, merger or acquisition activity, or otherwise participated in such activities within the previous 24 months?



Merger Information: Innovest Global purchased H. P. Technologies, Inc. from Dennis Giancola. H. P. Technologies is a separately ran stand-alone entity.

C-8. Corporate structure

Provide a graphical depiction of the applicant's corporate structure. Do not provide an internal organizational chart. The graphical depiction should include all parent holding companies, subsidiaries and affiliates as well as 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 the applicant may respond by stating that it is a stand-alone entity with no affiliate or subsidiary companies.

Stand-alone entity with no affiliate or subsidiary companies

Section D: Applicant Technical Capacity

D-1. Operations

<u>Retail natural gas brokers/aggregators:</u> Include details of the applicant's business operations and plans for arranging and/or aggregating for the supply of natural gas to retail customers.

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Operations Description: H. P. Technologies, Inc. is engaged in selling natural gas to end-users for redelivering through local distribution companies. We typically arrange for this sale of natural gas by representing the seller of gas to the end-user. We do not engage in the practice of taking title to the gas. The sales are executed by employing the supplier's legal agreement. We deliver these documents to the end-user for signature. Therefore we engage in customer acquisition, the presentation, and completion of natural gas sales agreements on behalf of licensed CRNGS suppliers.

D-2. Operations Expertise & Key Technical Personnel

Given the operational nature of the applicant's business, provide evidence of the applicant's experience and technical expertise in performing such operations. Include the names, titles, email addresses, and background of key personnel involved in the operations of the applicant's business.

Operations Expertise & Personnel Description: David Ramos has been at H. P. Technologies since 2014. He started as Project Manager then was promoted to Procurement Officer in 2018. He is now the Director of Procurement running the entire company. He has been and still is the main contact for all of H. P. Technologies, Inc.'s operations aspects.

David Ramos Director of Procurement dacid@utility-savings.net 866-892-0910



Application Attachments

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF OHIO OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Frank LaRose, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show H. P. TECHNOLOGIES, INC., an Ohio corporation, Charter No. 628783, having its principal location in Avon, County of Lorain, was incorporated on February 10, 1984 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 14th day of September, A.D. 2021.

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 202125703194

Exhibit B-1: Jurisdictions of Operation

	Business /	Electricity	Natural Gas	
State	Charter #	License #	License #	
Illinois	68005868	11-0456	N/A	
DC	C00005063247 / 400314904524	EA 2014-24-6	GA 2014-12-6	
Michigan	60733W	N/A	N/A	
New Hampshire	715801 / 715802	DM-14-310	DM-14-306	
Ohio	628783	11-404E(2)	03-049G(3)	
Delaware	5626840 8360 / 141407962	N/A	N/A	
Florida	F14000003515	N/A	N/A	
Georgia	14078936	N/A	N/A	
Maryland	F16066201	IR-3405	IR-3403	
Massachusetts	658314	EB-279	RA-127	
New Jersey	400625370	N/A	N/A	
Pennsylvania	4054181	A-2012- 2304909	A-2014-2451662	
Texas	802049108	N/A	N/A	
Virginia	F1984857	N/A	N/A	
California	C3725848	N/A	N/A	
Indiana	2014110600318 / 2014110677820	N/A	N/A	

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Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Affidavit

County of Lorain:
State of Ohio:
David Rames, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed, hereby states that:
 The information provided within the certification or certification renewal application and supporting information is complete, true, and accurate to the best knowledge of affiant, and that it will amend its application while it is pending if any substantial changes occur regarding the information provided.
2. The applicant will timely file an annual report of its intrastate gross receipts and sales of hundred cubic feet of natural gas pursuant to Sections 4905.10(A), 4911.18(A), and 4929.23(B), Ohio Revised Code.
 The applicant will timely pay any assessment made pursuant to Sections 4905.10 and 4911.18(A), Ohio Revised Code.
 Applicant will comply with all applicable rules and orders adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio pursuant to Title 49, Ohio Revised Code.
 Applicant 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.
Applicant will comply with Section 4929.21, Ohio Revised Code, regarding consent to the jurisdiction of the Ohio courts and the service of process.
 Applicant will comply with all state and/or federal rules and regulations concerning consumer protection, the environment, and advertising/promotions.
8. Applicant will inform the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio of any material change to the information supplied in the 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 consumer complaints.
The facts set forth above are true and accurate 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.
10. Affiant further sayeth naught.
Dw Run Director of Procurement
Signature of Affiant & Title
Sworn and subscribed before me this day of Atobur, 3031 Month Year PAMELAR DINGUS MUAR LANGUS WAYYRABU,
Signature of official administering cath NOTARY PUBLIC Print Name and Title FOR THE STATE OF OHIO My Commission Expires My Commission expires on



Search inquiry: (My company)

CreditScoreSM Report

as of: 10/01/21 15:35 ET

H. P. Technologies, Inc

Address: 8834 Mayfield Road

Chesterland, Ohio 44026

United States

Phone: 440-822-3188
Website: utility-savings.net

Experian BIN: 748239837

Agent: Incorp Services, Inc.

Agent Address: 17888 67TH Court North

Atlanta, GA

Family Linkage:

Ultimate Parent Innovest Global, Inc

Chagrin Falls, OH United States

Parent / Headquarters Innovest Global, Inc

Chagrin Falls, OH United States

Branches / Alternative

Locations

H. P. Technologies, Inc 8834 Mayfield Rd

Chesterland, OH United States

Key Personnel: Owner: Daniel Martin

Director: David Ramos
4911-Electric Services

4925-Petroleum Production

SIC Code: 8748-Business Consulting Services,

Nec

221122-Electric Power Distribution221210-Natural Gas Distribution

NAICS Code: 541618-Other Management

Consulting Services

Business Type: Corporation
Experian File April 2003

Established:

Experian Years on File: 18 Years
Years in Business: 37 Years

Total Employees: 3

Sales: \$153,000
Filing Data Provided by: Ohio
Date of Incorporation: 08/11/2014

Experian Business Credit Score

51 Business Credit Score



The objective of the Experian Business Credit Score is to predict payment behavior. High Risk means that there is a significant probability of delinquent payment. Low Risk means that there is a good probability of on-time payment.

Key Score Factors:

- Number of commercial accounts with net 1-30 days term.
- · Nbr of active commercial accts within the last 12 mos.
- · Number of derogatory commercial legal items.

· Number of recently active commercial accounts.

Business Credit Scores range from a low of 1 to high of 100 with this company receiving a score of 51. Higher scores indicate lower risk. This score predicts the likelihood of serious credit delinquencies within the next 12 months. This score uses tradeline and collections information, public filings as well as other variables to predict future risk.

Experian Financial Stability Risk Rating



A Financial Stability Risk Rating of 1 indicates a 0.55% potential risk of severe financial distress within the next 12 months.

Key Rating Factors:

- · Number of active commercial accounts.
- · Number of commercial derogatory public records.
- · Risk associated with the business type.
- · Employee size of business.

Financial Stability Risk Ratings range from a low of 1 to high of 5 with this company receiving a rating of 1. Lower ratings indicate lower risk. Experian categorizes all businesses to fit within one of the five risk segments. This rating predicts the likelihood of payment default and/or bankruptcy within the next 12 months. This rating uses tradeline and collections information, public filings as well as other variables to predict future risk.

Credit Summary

This location does not yet have an estimated Days Beyond Terms (<u>DBT</u>), or a Payment Trend Indicator. This is often the result of too few Payment <u>Tradelines</u>.

Please refer to Experian's 'www.BusinessCreditFacts.com' website for more information on establishing Payment Tradelines.

Lowest 6 Month Balance:\$126Highest 6 Month Balance:\$126Current Total Account Balance:\$126Highest Credit Amount Extended:\$269

Payment <u>Tradelines</u> (see <u>charts</u>):	4
UCC Filings:	28
Businesses Scoring Worse:	50%
✓ Bankruptcies:	0
Liens (see detail):	1
/Judgments Filed:	0
 Collections:	0

Payment Trend Summary



^Percentage of on-time payments by month.

Monthly Payment Trends - Recent Activity

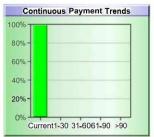
Date	Current	Up to 30	31-60 DBT	61-90 DBT	>90 DBT
04/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
05/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
06/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
07/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
08/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
09/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%



*Percentage of on-time payments by quarter.

Quarterly Payment Trends - Recent Activity

Date	Current	Up to 30	31-60 DBT	61-90 DBT	>90 DBT
06/20	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
09/20	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
12/20	76%	24%	0%	0%	0%
03/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
06/21	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

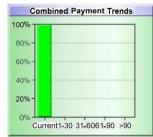


^Continuous distribution with DBT.

Insufficient information to produce

Newly Reported Payment Trends

chart.



^Combined distribution with DBT.

Tax Lien Filings

Date: 06/22/2021 Owner: State Of Ohio

Filing Location: Lorain County Common Pleas

Legal Type: State Tax
Legal Action: Lien
Document Numbed 7800114
Liability Amount: \$13,875
Description: Other Tax

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