

DIS Case Number: 14-0792-GA-AGG

Section A: Application Information

A-1. Provider type:		
Retail Natural Gas Broker	Retail Natural Gas Aggregator	Retail Natural Gas Marketer

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

Legal Name: M3 Consulting LLC **Country:** United States **Phone:** 3303340498 **Extension (if applicable): Country:** United States **Street:** 731 Red Rock Drive

Website (if any): City: Wadsworth Province/State:

Postal Code: 44281

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
M3 Energy	DBA	731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281	Yes	Link

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	Туре	Address	Active?	Proof
M3 Consulting, LLC	Official Name	731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281	Yes	Link
M3 Energy	DBA	731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281		Link



A-5. Contact person for regulatory matters

Debra Meager 731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281 US m3energyllc@gmail.com 3306038650

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

Debra Meager 731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281 US m3energyllc@gmail.com 3306038650

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

Phone: 330-603- Extension (if Country: United States

8650 applicable):

Fax: Extension (if applicable): Street: 731 Red Rock Drive

Email: deb.meager@gmail.com City: Wadsworth Province/State: OH

Postal Code: 44281

A-8. Applicant's federal employer identification number

20-3260833

A-9. Applicant's form of ownership

Form of ownership: Limited Liability Company (LLC)

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

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: 06-10-2022

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
Debra Meager	m3energyllc@gmail.com	Pres	731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281 US

A-13. Company history

M3 Consulting, LLC was incorporated in the State of Ohio the 25th Day of July, 2005. Articles of Organization/Dom. LLC Articles of Incorporation are on file with the State of Ohio. M3 Consulting, LLC filed a fictitious name/original filing as M3 Energy of the 11th of January 2010.

A-14. Secretary of State

Secretary of State Link: https://businesssearch.ohiosos.gov?=businessDetails/1558530 https://businesssearch.ohiosos.gov?=businessDetails/2361381

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: Debra Meager 731 Red Rock Drive Wadsworth, OH 44281 US m3energyllc@gmail.com 3306038650

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..

Jurisdiction of Operation: M3 Consulting, LLC dba M3 Energy is only licensed in the state of Ohio.

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.

Application Experience and Plan Description: M3 Consulting, LLC dba M3 Energy has been working under other aggregators/power brokers helping customers secure rates since 2006.

M3 Energy has developed relationships and conducted market assessments identifying natural gas suppliers to supply potential customers.

M3 Energy will continue to assist customers to secure the best value and rates by qyerying natural gas suppliers and providing volume, negotiating terms as necessary, and comparing the best of the market at that given time. The customer the chooses the term and company from which to buy their supply depending on market factors and geographical concerns. The final



decision to buy and legal responsibility will reside with the customer. They will be billed by the supplier or the utility, not M3 Energy.

Customer inquiries and complaints will be handled by M3 Energy at 330-603-8650, FAX 888-214-0388, or email to deb.meager@gmail.com.

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: There are no existing, pending or past ruling, judgements, contingent liabilities, revocation of authority, regulatory investigations, or any other matter that could adversely impact the applicant's financial or operation status or ability to provide 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.

Preferred to file confidentially

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.

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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?

No

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: M3 Consulting, LLC dba M3 Energy audits customer's bills and provides the customer a review and explanation of the utility and supply charges. We confirm whether or not eh customer is currently in contract. M3 Energy often creates a spreadsheet of month to month usage, depending on total volume used number of accounts.

Volumes of customer usage is sent to supplier who provide rates that we communicate to the customer. Once the customer chooses the supplier, based on rates and terms, M3 Energy completes the contract provided by the supplier, gives it to the customer to sign and return to M3 Energy. M3 Energy then sends the contract to the chosen supplier.

M3 Energy keeps records of customers and suppliers with dates of contracts, volumes, etc. Those record are are cross-checked to supplier lists monthly, ensuring timely enrollment and correct rate. M3 Energy also provides customer service to customers if there are inconsistency issues, questions or concerns.

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: M3 Consulting, LLC dba M3 Energy has been working behind other brokers/aggregators since 2006 providing services described in Exhibit D-1.

Debra Meager, President, completed an Executive MBA at Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management in 2005 and started working in the deregulated natural gas market in 2006.

Working for six years with certified and registered broker/aggregators allowed us to learn the technical expertise necessary to become an effective broker/aggregator and provide customers with exceptional customer service.

Customer service sets M3 Energy apart from others in the industry. We help our customers with any and all questions and concerns, directing them to the correct person, company or agency for issues for which we do not have the answers.



Application Attachments

Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Affidavit

County of Medina:
State of ONIO:
Debra Meager , Affiant, being duly swom/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.
 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.
 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.
Signature of Affiant & Title Sworn and subscribed before me this 18 day of April . 2022 Month Year Brooke Bone III Signature of Affiant & Title Brooke Bone III Print Name and Title NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires on N/A STATE OF OHIO My Commission Has
No Expiration Date

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Summary: In the Matter of the Application of M3 Consulting LLC