

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE ENERGY LINK LLC FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE
RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE BROKER IN
OHIO.

CASE No. 17-2110-EL-AGG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE ENERGY LINK LLC FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE
RETAIL NATURAL GAS BROKER.

CASE No. 17-2111-GA-AGG

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 4, 2022

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves The Energy Link LLC's application for renewal of its certification as both a competitive retail electric service broker and a competitive retail natural gas service broker in Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.08 provides that retail electric service suppliers that provide competitive retail electric service (CRES) must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRES. The Commission reviews applications for certification to determine if the applicant has the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide CRES and whether there are reasonable financial assurances sufficient to protect customers and electric companies from default.

{¶ 3} 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. The Commission reviews applications for certification to determine if the applicant has the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide CRNGS and whether there are reasonable financial assurances sufficient to protect customers and natural gas companies from default. Pursuant to R.C. 4929.20 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, 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. 4929.20 provides that the Commission shall act to approve or deny the application within 90 days after the date of suspension.

{¶ 4} On December 13, 2021, The Energy Link, LLC (Energy Link) filed applications for renewal of its certification as a CRES and CRNGS broker, as required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-09, and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-09. In support of its applications, Energy Link provided updated information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRES and CRNGS.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated January 11, 2022, the attorney examiner suspended the 30-day automatic approval process, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10(A) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10(A), in order to afford the Commission and Staff additional time to review the matter.

{¶ 6} On February 2, 2022, and March 23, 2022, Energy Link filed additional information and amended applications for its CRES and CRNGS recertification.

{¶ 7} On April 4, 2022, Staff filed its review and recommendation in both cases. Staff indicates that Energy Link provided the necessary additional information, and, therefore, Staff recommends that Energy Link's renewal applications for certification be approved.

{¶ 8} Upon review of the applications, as supplemented and amended, and Staff's recommendation, Energy Link appears managerially, financially, and technically fit and capable of performing as both a CRNGS and CRES provider in compliance with all applicable regulations adopted pursuant to R.C. Chapters 4929 and 4928. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Energy Link's renewal application for certification as both a CRNGS and CRES provider should be approved for a period of two years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Energy Link's renewal application for certification as a CRNGS provider be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That Energy Link's renewal application for certification as a CRES provider be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair
M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Daniel R. Conway
Dennis P. Deters

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