

DIS Case Number: 14-1276-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:** Worthington Energy **Country:** United States

Consultants LLC

**Phone:** 6149893030 Extension (if

applicable):

Website (if any): www.wec.energy City: Columbus **Province/State:** OH

Postal Code: 43215

Street: 1650 Watermark Drive Suite 180

#### 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
Worthington Energy Consultants LLC	Official Name	1650 Watermark Drive Suite 180 Columbus, OH 43215	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
Worthington Energy Consultants LLC	Official Name	1650 Watermark Drive Suite 180 Columbus, OH 43215	Yes	Link



#### A-5. Contact person for regulatory matters

Craig Grant
1650 Watermark Drive, Suite 180
Columbus, OH 43215
US
craig@wec.energy
6142861189

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

Craig Grant
1650 Watermark Drive, Suite 180
Columbus, OH 43215
US
craig@wec.energy
6142861189

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

**Phone:** 8777275386 **Extension (if Country:** United States

applicable):

Fax: Extension (if applicable): Street: 1650 Watermark Drive Suite 180 Email: sheri@wec.energy City: Columbus Province/State: OH

Postal Code: 43215

#### A-8. Applicant's federal employer identification number

45-3170914

#### 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 CenterPoint Energy Ohio

#### Class of customer selection

Industrial
Small Commercial
Large Commercial

#### A-11. Start date

Indicate the approximate start date the applicant began/will begin offering services: 08-23-2020

#### 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
Craig Grant	craig@wec.energy	President	1650 Watermark Drive, Suite 180 Columbus, OH 43215 US

#### A-13. Company history

Worthington Energy Consultants is dedicated to providing custom solutions that deliver cost savings, energy efficiency, and sustainability. We leverage our team of experts, supplier relationships and analytical process to help you make the best energy decisions for your organization.

#### A-14. Secretary of State

Secretary of State Link: https://businesssearch.ohiosos.gov?=businessDetails/2048387

#### 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: Craig Grant 1650 Watermark Drive, Suite 180 Columbus, OH 43215 US craig@wec.energy 6142861189

### 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: In additional to being a licensed natural gas broker in Ohio, Worthington Energy Consultants is also licensed in the District of Columbia, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

#### **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: Worthington Energy Consultants (WEC) is a natural gas broker and does not contract directly with clients or provide billing statements. WEC facilitates the signing of agreements between the client and chosen supplier. WEC has approximately 120 natural gas clients.

#### 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: N/A - Worthington Energy Consultants doesn't have any 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.

#### **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.

Preferred to file this information confidentially

#### 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



#### 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.

Operations Description: Worthington Energy Consultants is a broker and does not arrange/aggregate the supply of natural gas to retail consumers.

#### 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, e-



mail addresses, and background of key personnel involved in the operations of the applicant's business.

Operations Expertise & Personnel Description: Craig Grant (Owner/CEO); craig@wec.energy; 614-927-0555. Craig has over 10 years of experience in the electric/natural gas market. Craig joined the WEC team in 2017 as a Sales Director and then purchased the company in 2018.

Sheri Rogers (Operations Director); sheri@wec.energy; 614-927-0555. Sheri has been with WEC for almost three years and has various responsibilities (i.e. working with licensed suppliers, keeping state licensing up to date, and implementing company policies and procedures). Prior to joining the WEC team, Sheri was a Customer Advocate/Sales Support Representative for over 5 years in the IT space.

Audrey Marsh (Customer Service Advocate)' audrey@wec.energy; 614-927-0555. Audrey had been with WEC for over a year. Audrey assists in answer client inquiries and making sure client data on file is up to date. Audrey's background includes seven years as an Assistant Customer Service Manager and over two years as a Financial Services Support Representative.



# Application Attachments

## Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Affidavit

County	of Franklin	:
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State of Ohio:

Craig Grant, 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.
- 7. 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.

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