

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
AMBIT NORTHEAST, LLC FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE
RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE SUPPLIER.

CASE NO. 15-1096-EL-CRS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
AMBIT NORTHEAST, LLC FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE
RETAIL NATURAL GAS SERVICE
SUPPLIER.

CASE NO. 15-1097-GA-CRS

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on September 7, 2022

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the renewal applications of Ambit Northeast, LLC for certification as a competitive retail electric service provider and as a competitive retail natural gas service supplier in Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} On June 14, 2021, Ambit Northeast, LLC (Ambit) filed applications to renew its certification as a competitive retail electric service (CRES) provider and a competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) marketer and aggregator in Ohio.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.08 provides that retail electric suppliers must be certified by the Commission prior to providing CRES in Ohio. 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.

{¶ 4} R.C. 4929.20 provides that retail natural gas suppliers that provide competitive retail natural gas service 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.

{¶ 5} Pursuant to R.C. 4929.20 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10, as well as R.C. 4928.08 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10, applications for certification shall be deemed approved 30 days after the filing of the application, unless the Commission suspends such approval.

{¶ 6} On July 8, 2022, the attorney examiner suspended the 30-day automatic approval of Applicant's June 14, 2021 applications so that Staff could review the applications further.

{¶ 7} Staff filed its review and recommendation on June 15, 2022. Based upon its evaluation and review of the applications and accompanying exhibits, Staff states that it believes that the Applicant's June 14, 2021 applications are in compliance with the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff therefore recommends that the applications be approved.

{¶ 8} Ambit filed amendments to its applications on July 18, 2022, and August 9, 2022.

{¶ 9} On August 19, 2022, Staff filed a revised review and recommendation. Staff states that it sent a notice of probable non-compliance (Notice) to Ambit on June 9, 2021. Staff adds that a stipulation (Stipulation) was filed on February 16, 2022, in Case No. 22-128-EL-UNC to resolve the issues in the Notice. In the Stipulation, Ambit agreed to provide training to its agents, audit enrollments, drop and re-rate customers where Ambit cannot confirm intent to enroll, and pay a \$20,000 forfeiture. Staff asserts that all the terms of the Stipulation have been met as of the date of its filing. Staff reiterates its recommendation that the applications be approved.

{¶ 10} Accordingly, the Commission finds reasonable Staff's recommendation that the renewal applications for certification be approved.

III. ORDER

{¶ 11} It is, therefore,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the renewal applications for certification filed by Ambit Northeast, LLC be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That Staff issue to the Applicant certificates to provide CRES and CRNGS in Ohio. It is, further,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair

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