

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
C.I.S. ENERGY LLC FOR CERTIFICATION
AS A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC
SERVICE PROVIDER IN OHIO.

CASE NO. 21-87-EL-AGG

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 3, 2023

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves C.I.S. Energy, LLC's application for renewal of its certification as a competitive retail electric service provider 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} On January 18, 2023, C.I.S. Energy, LLC (CIS Energy) filed its renewal application as a CRES provider, which it amended on February 7, 2023, as required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-09.

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

{¶ 5} By Entry dated February 16, 2023, the attorney examiner suspended the 30-day automatic approval process with respect to CIS Energy's renewal application for certification, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-24-10(A)(1), in order to afford the Commission and Staff additional time to review the matter.

{¶ 6} On March 27, 2023, Staff filed its review and recommendation. While investigating CIS Energy's application, Staff found that the company had an outstanding annual report and assessment obligation. CIS Energy was notified of this shortcoming, and subsequently filed the missing information and paid the associated assessment. With the additional actions taken, Staff confirms the company is financially capable of providing CRES in Ohio and, therefore, recommends that CIS Energy's renewal application for certification be approved.

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

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That CIS Energy's renewal application for certification as a CRES power broker be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That CIS Energy be issued a certificate to provide CRES in Ohio, consistent with this Finding and Order. It is, further,

{¶ 11} 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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