

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SUNSEA ENERGY OH, LLC, FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A COMPETITIVE
RETAIL NATURAL GAS MARKETER.

CASE NO. 20-1268-GA-CRS

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves SunSea Energy OH, LLC's applications for renewal of its certification as a competitive retail natural gas service marketer in Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4929.20 states that retail natural gas suppliers providing 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.

{¶ 3} On July 11, 2022, and July 22, 2022, SunSea Energy OH, LLC (SunSea or Applicant) filed applications for renewal of its certification as a CRNGS marketer, as required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-09. In support of its applications, Applicant provided updated information regarding its managerial, financial, and technical ability to provide CRNGS.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated August 3, 2022, the attorney examiner suspended the 30-day automatic approval process in the matter of SunSea's renewal applications for its CRNGS

certification, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-27-10(A), in order to afford the Commission and Staff additional time to review the matter.

{¶ 5} On June 16, 2023, Staff filed a review and recommendation. In it, Staff indicates that SunSea was initially in discussions with Staff regarding a pending notice of probable non-compliance (PNC) that required further evaluation. Staff explains, however, that in the following months SunSea and Staff reached a resolution of the PNC. Additionally, Staff was able to complete its review of SunSea's applications. Therefore, Staff recommends that Applicant's renewal applications for certification be approved.

{¶ 6} Upon review of the applications and Staff's recommendation, Applicant appears managerially, financially, and technically fit and capable of performing as a CRNGS marketer in compliance with all applicable regulations adopted pursuant to R.C. Chapter 4929. Accordingly, the Commission finds that SunSea's renewal applications for certification as a CRNGS marketer should be approved for a period of two years.

III. ORDER

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That SunSea's renewal applications for certification as a CRNGS marketer be approved. It is, further,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair
Daniel R. Conway
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Dennis P. Deters
John D. Williams

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