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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Optics Consulting, LLC for Certification as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider in Ohio, Case No. 23-0467-EL-AGG.

In the Matter of the Application of Optics Consulting, LLC for Certification as a Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Provider in Ohio, Case No. 23-0471-GA-AGG.

Dear Docketing Division:

Melin M Scarley

Enclosed please find a Staff Recommendation in the Matter of the Application of Optics Consulting, LLC for Certification as a Competitive Retail Electric and Natural Gas Service Provider in Ohio, Case Nos. 23-0467-EL-AGG and 23-0471-GA-AGG.

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Staff Review and Recommendation for Optics Consulting, LLC Case Nos. 23-0467-EL-AGG and 23-0471-GA-AGG

On April 25, 2023 and April 27, 2023, Optics Consulting, LLC (Optics or Applicant) filed applications with the Commission seeking certification as a competitive retail electric service (CRES) and competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) provider in Ohio. On May 9, 2023, Optics filed revisions to the financial section of the applications. On May 24, 2023, the applications were suspended in order to give the Commission and Staff additional time to consider the applications.

While reviewing the applications, Staff had additional questions regarding any relationship between Optics and another company, SOBE. Finally, on July 14, 2023, Optics filed additional information in the dockets. Staff has completed its evaluation and review of the application and accompanying exhibits. Based on this review, Staff believes the application is in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code and therefore, Staff is recommending that the applications filed by Optics Consulting, LLC, be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation electronically filed by Ms. Melissa M. Scarberry on behalf of PUCO Staff.