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Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus OH 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Crown Energy Services Inc for Certification as a Competitive Retail Gas Service Provider in Ohio, Case No. 20-0645-GA-AGG.

## Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find a Staff Recommendation in the Matter of the Application of Crown Energy Services Inc for Certification as a Competitive Retail Gas Service Provider in Ohio, Case No 20-0645-GA-AGG.

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## Staff Review and Recommendation for Case No. 20-0645-GA-AGG

On March 23, 2020, Crown Energy Services ("Crown Energy" or "Applicant") filed an application seeking certification as a competitive retail natural gas provider. On June 29, 2020, the application was suspended in order to give the Commission and Staff additional time to consider the application.

Initially, the Applicant submitted the application and confidential financial information to the Commission however, the financial requirements provided were incomplete requiring additional items to be filed. After several requests, there were still several items missing from the application that prevented a complete review of the application. Staff requested the Applicant provide additional financial information with a final request on April 29, 2020, to which no reply was provided. The suspension provided extra time for the Applicant to gather and produce the required information to Staff for the required comprehensive financial analysis. In the following months, the requested documents were not provided. Due to the lack of information in the application docket and non-responsiveness of the Applicant, there is inadequate information in the case docket for Staff to complete the competitive retail natural gas supplier (CRNGS) application review. Therefore, Staff is recommending that this application be dismissed by the Commission.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation Application Dismissal electronically filed by Ms. Alla Magaziner-Tempesta on behalf of PUCO staff.