

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>VOLUNTEER ENERGY SERVICES, INC.,</b>	)	Case No. U-14831
for a license as an alternative gas supplier.	)	
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At the June 27, 2006 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chairman  
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner  
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner

**ORDER GRANTING LICENSE**

On April 27, 2006, Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. (Volunteer), applied for a license to operate as an alternative gas supplier (AGS) within Michigan pursuant to 2002 PA 634 (Act 634), MCL 460.9 *et seq.* As part of its application, Volunteer provided information to demonstrate compliance with the AGS license requirements under Act 634 and under the Commission's March 12, 2003 order in Case No. U-13694 (March 12 order), which established the AGS licensing procedure.

Act 634 requires an AGS to have the necessary financial, managerial, and technical capabilities to serve customers within the state of Michigan. The act also requires an AGS to maintain an office within the state. Under the March 12 order, the Commission Staff (Staff) must review the application of the AGS for conformance with the act and with the Commission's

orders. The Staff then must recommend appropriate action regarding that application to the Commission.

The Staff has reviewed the license application and the information submitted by Volunteer and recommends that the Commission grant Volunteer a license to operate as an AGS.

The application shows that Volunteer is an Ohio corporation and that, while Volunteer has not operated as a supplier in either the Michigan electric-choice or gas-choice markets, it has significant experience operating in those markets in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Volunteer provided a detailed outline of its risk-management strategy; its personnel also have significant experience and expertise in the natural gas industry. Based upon the information provided and the recommendation of the Staff, the Commission finds that Volunteer possesses the appropriate managerial and technical capabilities to serve customers within the state of Michigan.

With respect to its financial capability, Volunteer is a privately-held, wholly-owned corporation that currently serves customers in Ohio and Pennsylvania's natural gas retail commercial, industrial, and residential markets. Volunteer has provided the Staff with a bond in the amount of \$100,000. Based upon its review of the financial statements and the bond, the Staff determined that Volunteer's financial capabilities meet Act 634 requirements. The Commission agrees.

Act 634 requires Volunteer to maintain an office within the state of Michigan. Volunteer has established an office in Northville, Michigan. The Staff determined that Volunteer complied with the Act 634 Michigan-office requirement. The Commission agrees.

Based upon the submissions and all of the information provided, the Commission finds that Volunteer's request to be licensed as an AGS is reasonable and in the public interest and that it should be approved. However, the grant of the license is conditioned upon compliance with all of

the applicable provisions of Act 634, the Commission's orders and administrative rules, and each of the delivering natural gas utilities' tariffs. Failure to comply with any of these provisions may result in revocation of the license or other penalties.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 2002 PA 634, MCL 460.9 *et seq.*; 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 *et seq.*; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 *et seq.*; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*

b. Volunteer has satisfied the statutory requirements to obtain a license as an AGS.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. is granted a license as an alternative gas supplier, subject to the conditions contained in ordering Paragraph B of this order.

B. Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. shall comply with the regulatory requirements specified in 2002 PA 634, MCL 460.9 *et seq.*; the Commission's orders and administrative rules for gas customer-choice programs approved by the Commission; and each of the delivering natural gas utilities' tariffs.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark  
Chairman

( S E A L )

/s/ Laura Chappelle  
Commissioner

/s/Monica Martinez  
Commissioner

By its action of June 27, 2006.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle  
Its Executive Secretary

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County of Ingham        )

Patricia A. Fronta being duly sworn, deposes and says that on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2006, A.D. she served a copy of the attached Commission order by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by inter-departmental mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service list.

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Patricia Fronta

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006

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Sharron A. Allen  
Notary Public, Ingham County, MI  
My Commission Expires August 16, 2011

SERVICE LIST  
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