

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 400 NORTH STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17120

October 16, 2020

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Docket No. A-2020-3022363 Utility Code: 1223531

SUSAN FAITH CEO GASEARCH LLC 4991 BELMONT AVE YOUNGSTOWN OH 44505

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RE: Natural Gas Supplier License Application

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Ms. Faith:

On October 13, 2020, the Public Utility Commission accepted Gasearch, LLC's application for a Natural Gas Supplier license. The application was incomplete. In order for us to complete our analysis of your application, the Energy Industry Group requires answers to the attached question(s).

Please be advised that you are directed to forward the requested information to the Commission within <u>30</u> days of receipt of this letter. Failure to respond may result in the application being denied. As well, if Gasearch, LLC has decided to withdraw its application, please reply notifying the Commission of such a decision.

Please forward the information to the Secretary of the Commission at the address listed below. When submitting documents, all documents requiring notary stamps must have original signatures. Please note that some responses may be e-filed to your case, <u>http://www.puc.pa.gov/efiling/default.aspx</u>. A list of document types allowed to be e-filed can be found at <u>http://www.puc.pa.gov/efiling/DocTypes.aspx</u>.

Rosemary Chiavetta. Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Your answers should be verified per 52 Pa Code § 1.36. Accordingly, you must provide the following statement with your responses:

I, <u>Susan Faith</u>, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements

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Susan Faith 4991 Belmont Ave Youngstown OH 4450533075

Gasearch, LLC

The Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations is happy to send your filed document. The Bureau is here to serve you and we would like to thank you for doing business in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for registering with the Department of State to do business in Pennsylvania. Like many other businesses, you may have employees, sell taxable products, or provide a taxable service to consumers in Pennsylvania. Please visit <u>www.pa100.state.pa.us</u> to register for Business Taxes with the PA Department of Revenue & Labor and Industry or visit <u>www.Business.pa.gov</u> to find answers to most common registration questions.

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#### Proof of Publication in The Philadelphia Daily News Under Act. No 587, Approved May 16, 1929

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#### STATE OF PENNSYLVANLA COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

Helene Sweeney being duly sworn, deposes and says that **The Philadelphia Daily News** is a newspaper published daily, except Sunday, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was established in said city in 1925, since which date said newspaper has been regularly issued in said County, and that a copy of the printed notice of publication is attached hereto exactly as the same was printed and published in the regular editions and issues of the said newspaper on the following dates:

#### October 9, 2020

Affiant further deposes and says that she is an employee of the publisher of said newspaper and has been authorized to verify the foregoing statement and that she is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice of publication, and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place and character of publication are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October, 2020.

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My Commission Expires:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seel KATHERNEY, HARLEY, Hozary Public Philadelphia County My Commission Expires May 25, 2021 Commission Number 1312829 c. DOOR TO DOOR SALES: Will the Applicant be implementing door to door sales activities?

	Yes
X	No

If yes, will the Applicant be using verification procedures?

Yes

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No

If yes, describe the Applicant's verification procedures.

d. OVERSIGHT OF MARKETING: Explain all methods Applicant will use to ensure all marketing is performed in an ethical manner, for both employees and subcontractors.

e. OFFICERS: Identify Applicant's chief officers, and include the professional resumes for any officers directly responsible for operations. All resumes should include date ranges and job descriptions containing actual work experience.

#### 9. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

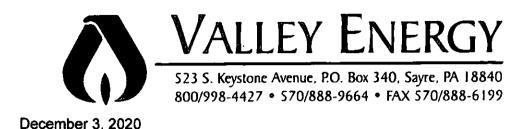
#### (Not applicable for an applicant applying for a license exclusively as a broker/marketer.)

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:** If proposing to serve Residential and/or Small Commercial (less than 6,000 Mcf annually) Customers, provide a Residential and/or Small Commercial disclosure statement. A sample disclosure statement is provided as Appendix E to this Application.

 Natural gas should be priced in clearly stated terms to the extent possible. Common definitions should be used. All consumer contracts or sales agreements should be written in plain language with any exclusions, exceptions, add-ons, package offers, limited time offers or other deadlines prominently communicated. Penalties and procedures for ending contracts should be clearly communicated.

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Mr. Mark DiBattiste, Energy Consultant Gasearch, LLC 4991 Belmont Ave. Youngstown, OH 44505 mdibattiste@gasearch.net

Dear Mr. DiBattiste:

We understand that Gasearch, LLC has applied with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to supply natural gas services to the public in Pennsylvania including our company's service area.

Because Gasearch, LLC intends to only provide natural gas aggregating, brokering and consulting services at this time, we have determined that Gasearch, LLC will not be required to post a bond or other form of financial security instrument to provide these services in our service area. However, if the services provided change in the future, we reserve the right to require security from Gasearch, LLC as deemed appropriate.

if you have any questions, please contact Jamie Levering at 570-888-9664 (Ext. 5232).

Sincerely,

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Edward E. Rogers President & CEO

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cc: J. Levering, Valley Energy



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A NiSource Company

November 30, 2020

Mark DiBattiste Gasearch, LLC 4991 Belmont Ave. Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Dear Mark DiBattiste:

We are pleased that Gasearch, LLC has applied for a license to provide Natural Gas Broker/Marketer Services on the distribution system of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia Gas").

Under Paragraph 2.4.5 of the Rules Applicable to Distribution Service section of the Tariff of Columbia Gas, Gasearch, LLC could be required to provide to Columbia Gas a bond or other financial security instrument in an amount that Columbia Gas determines to be appropriate. Gasearch, LLC has indicated only brokering and consulting services will be provided. Therefore, we have determined at this time that Gasearch, LLC does not need a bond or other financial security requirement to provide broker natural gas services to Columbia Gas customers.

If the creditworthiness requirement or Columbia Gas' exposure to Gasearch, LLC changes in the future, Columbia Gas might deem it appropriate to require Gasearch, LLC to provide a bond or other financial security instrument.

Please feel free to contact me at 614-460-4980 should you have any questions regarding a bond or other financial security instrument requirements of Columbia Gas.

Sincerely,

Kylia Davis

Kylia Davis Manager of Choice and Transportation Support Services

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Carol Scanlon Manager, Rates & Regulation

Peoples Service Company LLC Phone: 412-208-6931 Email: Carol.Scanlon@peoples-gas.com

December 1, 2020

Mark DiBattiste Energy Consultant Gasearch, LLC 4991 Belmont Ave. Youngstown, OH 44505 375 North Shore Drive Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

www.peoples-gas.com

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Mr. DiBattiste:

We are pleased that Gasearch, LLC has applied for a license to provide natural gas services on the Peoples Group of Companies. Specifically you have requested to be licensed as a supplier on the distribution systems of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC, and Peoples Gas Company LLC (formerly Peoples TWP) ("the Companies").

Since Gasearch, LLC is not currently serving customers on the Peoples systems, we have determined at this time that Gasearch, LLC does not need a bond or other financial security requirement to provide these services to the Company's customers.

If a Pool is established, and customers are enrolled which alters the creditworthiness requirement or the Company's exposure to Gasearch, LLC provision of services on the Peoples' system changes in the future, the Companies may deem it appropriate to require a bond or other financial instrument.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 412-208-6931 or by email at Carol.Scanlon@peoplesgas.com.

Sincerely,

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Carol Scanlon Manager, Rates and Regulation Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC

Cc: Stephen Kelly Mina Speicher



**UGI Utilities, Inc.** 1 UGI Drive Denver, PA 17517

610-796-3400

VIA E-MAIL

December 2, 2020

Gasearch, LLC 4991 Belmont Avenue Youngstown, OH 44505

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

#### ATTENTION: Mark DiBattiste, Energy Consultant

#### RE: Gasearch, LLC Application to Serve as a Natural Gas Broker

Dear Mr. DiBattiste,

Based on your assertion that Gasearch, LLC ("Gasearch") is applying with the State of Pennsylvania to operate as a natural gas broker/marketer, UGI Utilities, Inc.-Gas Division ("UGIU") has concluded that Gasearch will not need to post security with UGIU. This is based on the declaration that Gasearch will be acting in conjunction with a licensed natural gas supplier who has been approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to serve in the applicable UGIU service territories and who has posted the required financial security as specified in the UGIU Tariff. If Gasearch wishes to directly serve Choice customers in the service territories of UGIU in the future as a natural gas supplier, it will have to post security as specified in the UGIU Tariff prior to the commencement of the service.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Sherry Epler Senior Manager Tariff & Supplier Administration

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December 2, 2020

Susan Faith, President Gasearch, LLC 4991 Belmont Ave Youngstown, OH 44505

Dear Susan,

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("NFGDC") is Gasearch, LLC (GSL) has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to supply natural gas service to the public in Pennsylvania and specifically within the service territory of NFGDC.

As you know, in making such an application, GSL must furnish acceptable security to each utility where GSL will do business. As such, under its tariff, NFGDC could require GSL to provide a bond or other financial security instrument in an amount that NFGDC determines to be appropriate.

However, you have indicated, and it is NFGDC's understanding that GSL intends only to provide natural gas aggregating, brokering and consulting services at this time. You have stated that, in performing these services, GSL will never take title to any delivered natural gas.

Based upon your representations, GSL has determined that, at this time, GSL does not need to post a bond or other form of security to operate in its service territory. However, if the services provided by GSL change in the future, NFGDC reserves the right to require security from GSL as it deems appropriate.

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact me at 716-857-7541.

Yours truly,

Lole Barker

Nicole Barker Transportation Services Department



December 5, 2020

Gasearch, LLC 4991 Belmont Ave Youngstown, OH 44505

**Re: Broker Requirements** 

Dear Gasearch, LLC:

PECO is aware that Gasearch, LLC has applied for a license to provide brokering and consulting services to commercial and industrial customers on the distribution system of PECO.

In making such an application, Gasearch, LLC could be required to provide to PECO a bond or other acceptable financial security in an amount that PECO determines to be appropriate. Gasearch, LLC has indicated that it intends to provide only brokering and consulting services to commercial and industrial customers, and will not take title to any delivered natural gas; nor will accept any customer payments or deposits. Therefore, PECO has determined at this time that Gasearch, LLC does not need a bond or other financial security requirement, since they are not directly engaging in business with PECO and only providing brokering or consulting services to PECO customers. However, if the services provided by Gasearch, LLC the creditworthiness requirement for PECO's exposure to Gasearch, LLC changes in the future, PECO reserves the right to require Gasearch, LLC to provide a bond or other financial security instrument.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chris Sauerbaum at 215-841-6422 or myself at 215-841-6452.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos P. Thille

Manager, Gas Supply and Transportation 2301 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 RECEIVED

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# IRON EAGLE ENTERPRISES, LLC General Ledger

For the Period From Jan 1, 2019 to Jul 31, 2020 Filter Criteria includes: 1) IDs from 12225 to 12225. Report order is by ID. Report is printed with shortened descriptions and in Detail Format.

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Mr. Mark DiBattiste 4991 Belmont Ave. Youngstown, OH 44505

Email: mdibattiste@gasearch.net

RE: Security Requirement Bond for Gasearch, LLC

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Dear Mr. DiBattiste

Philadelphia Gas Works ("PGW") is aware that Gasearch, LLC has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to supply natural gas services to the public in Pennsylvania and specifically within the services territory of Philadelphia Gas Works.

As you know, in making such an application, Gasearch, LLC must furnish acceptable security to each utility where Gasearch, LLC will do business. As such, under its tariff, Philadelphia Gas Works could require Gasearch, LLC to provide a bond or other financial security instrument in an amount that Philadelphia Gas Works determines to be appropriate.

However, you have indicated, and it is Philadelphia Gas Works' understanding, that Gasearch, LLC intends only to provide natural gas aggregating, brokering and consulting services at this time. You have stated that in performing these services Gasearch, LLC will never take title to any delivered natural gas.

Based upon your representations, Philadelphia Gas Works has determined that, at this time, Gascarch, LLC does not need to post a bond or other form of security to operate in its service territory. If the services provided by Gasearch, LLC should change, Philadelphia Gas Works reserves the right to require security from Gasearch, LLC as it deems appropriate.

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact me at 215-684-6725.

Sincerely.

r. Vice President, Gas Management

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## Appendix A

## **APPLICATION AFFIDAVIT**

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County of Trumbull :
Susan Faith, Affiant, being duly [sworn/affirmed] according to law, deposes and says that:
[He/she is the President (Office of Affiant) of Gasearch, LLC (Name of Applicant);]
[That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant;]
That the Applicant herein <u>Gasearch</u> , LLC has the burden of producing information and supporting
documentation demonstrating its technical and financial fitness to be licensed as an natural gas supplier pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 2208 (c)(1).
That the Applicant herein $\underline{Gasearch, UC}$ has answered the questions on the application correctly, truthfully, and completely and provided supporting documentation as required.
That the Applicant herein <u>Gasearch</u> , LLC acknowledges that it is under a duty to update information provided in answer to questions on this application and contained in supporting documents.
That the Applicant herein <u>Gasearch</u> , Cacknowledges that it is under a duty to supplement information provided in answer to questions on this application and contained in supporting documents as requested by the Commission.
That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief, and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at hearing.
Signature of Affiant
Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>30</u> day of <u>November</u> , 20 <u>30</u> .
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<u>Auxe</u> <u>C</u> Signature of official administering oath <u>Decembre</u> <u>B</u> 2023.

My commission expires \_

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## **OPERATIONS AFFIDAVIT**

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County of Trumbull	:
Susan Faith , Affiant, being duly	y [sworn/affirmed] according to law,
deposes and says that:	
[He/she is the <u>President</u> (Office (Name of Applicant);]	of Affiant) of <u>Gasearch</u> , LLC

[That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant;]

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That <u>Gasearch</u>, LLC, the Applicant herein, asserts that [he/she/it] possesses the requisite technical, managerial, and financial fitness to render natural gas supply service within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that the Applicant will abide by all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and by the decisions of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

That <u>Gasearch</u>, LLC, the Applicant herein, certifies to the Commission that it is subject to, will pay, and in the past has paid, the full amount of taxes imposed by Articles II and XI of the Act of March 4, 1971 (P.L. 6, No. 2), known as the Tax Reform Act of 1971 and any tax imposed by Chapter 22 of Title 66. The Applicant acknowledges that failure to pay such taxes or otherwise comply with the taxation requirements of Chapter 28 shall be cause for the Commission to revoke the license of the Applicant. The Applicant acknowledges that it shall report to the Commission its jurisdictional natural gas sales for ultimate consumption, for the previous year or as otherwise required by the Commission. The Applicant also acknowledges that it is subject to 66 Pa. C.S. §506 (relating to the inspection of facilities and records).

Applicant, by filing of this application waives confidentiality with respect to its state tax information in the possession of the Department of Revenue, regardless of the source of the information, and shall consent to the Department of Revenue providing that information to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

## **Appendix B (Continued)**

That <u>Casearch</u>, the Applicant herein, acknowledges that it has a statutory obligation to conform with 66 Pa. C.S. §506 and the standards and billing practices of 52 PA. Code Chapter 56.

That the Applicant agrees to provide all consumer education materials and information in a timely manner as requested by the Office of Communications or other Commission bureaus. Materials and information requested may be analyzed by the Commission to meet obligations under applicable sections of the law.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct/true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30 day of <u>November</u>, 20<u>30</u>.

Signature of official administering

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#### Appendix C

Required of ALL Applicants regardless of operating as a supplier, broker, marketer, or aggregator.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this the <u>12</u> day of <u>February</u>  $2C_{20}^{20}$ , I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing application form for licensing within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an Electric Generation Supplier and all <u>NON-CONFIDENTIAL</u> attachments have been served, as either a hardcopy or a searchable PDF version on a cd-rom, upon the following:

Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2 West Harrisburg, PA 17120

Office of Consumer Advocate 5th Floor, Forum Place 555 Walnut Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Small Business Advocate Commerce Building, Suite 202 300 North Second Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Legal Department West Penn Power d/b/a Allegheny Power 800 Cabin Hill Drive Greensburg, PA 15601-1689

Regulatory Affairs Duquesne Light Company 411 Seventh Street, MD 16-4 Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Legal Department First Energy 2800 Pottsville Pike Reading PA, 19612

Citizens' Electric Company Attn: EGS Coordination 1775 Industrial Boulevard Lewisburg, PA 17837



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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Bureau of Compliance Harrisburg, PA 17128-0946

Vice President – Energy Supply Corning Natural Gas Holding Corporation 330 West William Street Corning, NY 14830

Manager Energy Acquisition PECO Energy Company 2301 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19101-8699

Office of General Counsel Attn: Kimberly A. Klock PPL Two North Ninth Street (GENTW3) Altentown, PA 18101-1179 UGI Utilities, Inc. Attn: Rates Dept. – Choice Coordinator 2525 N. 12th Street, Suite 360 Post Office Box 12677 Reading, Pa 19612-2677

Wellsboro Electric Company Attn: EGS Coordination 33 Austin Street P. O. Box 138 Wellsboro, PA 16901

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Susan Faith, owner

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