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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of BP Energy Company,) Application No. NG-0091
Omaha, seeking authority for a)
Competitive Natural Gas Provider)
Certificate in the State of) AUTHORITY GRANTED
Nebraska.)
)
) Entered: February 22, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed January 3, 2017, BP Energy Company (BP), Omaha, Nebraska, seeks authority as a competitive natural gas provider (CNGP) in the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the *Daily Record*, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 6, 2017. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1848 to 66-1849. Section 66-1849 provides in part:

The commission shall certify all competitive natural gas providers and aggregators providing natural gas services. In an application for certification, a competitive natural gas provider or aggregator shall reasonably demonstrate managerial, technical, and financial capability sufficient to obtain and deliver the services such provider or aggregator proposes to offer. The commission may establish reasonable conditions or restrictions on the certificate at the time of issuance.

In addition, Commission rules and regulations specify requirements for an application for authority as a CNGP. See, 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 9, Rule 011.

BP is a Delaware corporation, with its principal office in Omaha, Nebraska. In support of its application, BP filed its balance sheet, bank account statements, and other financial statements. BP also provided a copy of its Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Nebraska. There have not been any legal actions or formal complaints pertaining to the provision of competitive natural gas services filed against BP within the twelve months prior to filing this application, nor has BP had a license or certificate to supply competitive natural gas service revoked, denied or withdrawn.

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In addition, BP submitted the information on its management team, including its Omaha Regional Office Leader and Vice President Paul F. Miller. The information detailed the educational and professional background of Mr. Miller.

Commission Staff Accountant Steve Stovall submitted a Report on Regulatory Compliance indicating that the financial statements submitted provide evidence of adequate financial resources necessary to obtain and deliver the services that BP proposes to offer.

Based upon the information provided in the application and verified by affidavit, the Commission finds that the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1848, 66-1849 and applicable Commission rules and regulations are met. BP's application for authority should be granted, and BP should be issued a certificate of authority as a competitive natural gas provider consistent with the conditions set forth in this order.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. NG-0091 be, and it is hereby, granted and BP Energy Company is authorized to operate as a competitive natural gas provider within the State of Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be, and it is hereby made the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as competitive natural gas provider.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of February, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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