

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>MICHIGAN NATURAL GAS, LLC</b>	)	Case No. U-17215
for a license as an alternative gas supplier.	)	
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At the March 27, 2013 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John D. Quackenbush, Chairman  
Hon. Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Commissioner  
Hon. Greg R. White, Commissioner

**ORDER GRANTING LICENSE**

On February 1, 2013, Michigan Natural Gas, LLC applied for a license to operate as an alternative gas supplier (AGS) within Michigan pursuant to 2002 PA 634, MCL 460.9 *et seq.* (Act 634). As part of its application, Michigan Natural Gas 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). That order 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 reviewed the license application and the additional information submitted by Michigan Natural Gas and has recommended this company be granted a license to operate as an AGS.

The application shows that Michigan Natural Gas is a start-up retail energy entity organized in Michigan and headquartered in Auburn, Alabama. Michigan Natural Gas has not provided any energy services to retail customers. Michigan Natural Gas is a privately held, domestic, limited liability company registered on January 23, 2013, ID # D8799P.

The Staff reviewed Michigan Natural Gas's key personnel biographies and observed that they have more than 58 combined years of experience in the energy industry, including managing and overseeing operations, marketing, sales, and customer service. Michigan Natural Gas will grow its staff as it continues to grow in Michigan. Based on its review, the Staff has determined that Michigan Natural Gas is well qualified with sufficient experience and expertise to serve customers in Michigan's Gas Customer Choice Program.

Based upon the information provided by Michigan Natural Gas and the recommendation of the Staff, the Commission finds that Michigan Natural Gas possesses the appropriate managerial and technical capabilities to serve customers within the state of Michigan.

Michigan Natural Gas has provided the Staff with a letter of credit in the amount of \$100,000. Based on its review of the confidential financial documents and the satisfied bond requirement, the Staff determined that Michigan Natural Gas's financial capabilities and availability meet Act 634 requirements. The Commission agrees.

Act 634 requires Michigan Natural Gas to maintain an office in the state of Michigan. Michigan Natural Gas has an established office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Staff determined that Michigan Natural Gas has met the office requirements for licensing. The Commission agrees.

Based upon the submissions by Michigan Natural Gas and the Staff's review, the Commission finds that Michigan Natural Gas'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.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. Michigan Natural Gas, LLC is granted a license as an alternative gas supplier.
- B. Michigan Natural Gas, LLC shall comply with the regulatory requirements specified in 2002 PA 634, MCL 460.9 *et seq.*; the Commission's orders and administrative rules 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, under MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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John D. Quackenbush, Chairman

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Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Commissioner

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Greg R. White, Commissioner

By its action of March 27, 2013.

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Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary

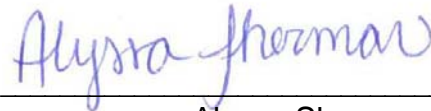
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Alyssa Sherman being duly sworn, deposes and says that on March 27, 2013 A.D. she served a copy of the attached Commission order by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by inter-departmental mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service list.



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Alyssa Sherman

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013

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Gloria Pearl Jones  
Notary Public, Ingham County, MI  
My Commission Expires June 5, 2016  
Acting in Eaton County

Service List U-17215

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