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January 25, 2024

VIA Federal Express

Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia
1325 G Street, NW Ste 800
Washington DC 20005

**RE: CGE Renewables LLC - Application for License to Supply Natural Gas or
Natural Gas Supply Services to the Public in the District of Columbia-PUBLIC**

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed please find CGE Renewables LLC's ("CGE") Application for License to Supply Natural Gas or Natural Gas Supply Services to the District of Columbia, along with the original bond included in Exhibit G and a check in the amount of \$400.00. A confidential and public version has been filed electronically.

CGE respectfully requests certain Exhibits in our application be given confidential treatment. Please accept this statement as proof of our request for confidential treatment of our responses in the forthcoming application.

CGE considers this information to be confidential as the disclosure of these documents would cause substantial and irreparable competitive harm to CGE's business and its Affiliates. The provided information in Exhibit B-Ownership, Exhibit C-Affiliates, Exhibit D-Actions Against Licensees and Exhibit F-Financial Statements are not publicly disclosed in any other forum and CGE wishes to maintain this confidential information which is sensitive information from being used to its competitive disadvantage.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at 718-696-0109 or via email at regulatory@cgerenewables.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Castillo".

Michelle Castillo
Regulatory Specialist

BEFORE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Application Docket No. _____

Application of CGE Renewables LLC, d/b/a (“doing business as”)

_____ for approval to offer, render, furnish, or supply natural gas services as a(n) Broker, [specified in item 10 below] to the public in the District of Columbia

To the District of Columbia Public Service Commission:

BUSINESS INFORMATION

1. IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT:

a. Legal Name CGE Renewables LLC

Current Mailing Address: 8751 18th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11214

Street Address (if different): _____

Telephone Number: 855-440-3775

Website URL: www.cgerenewables.com

Other States, including District of Columbia, in which the Applicant is now or has been engaged in the retail sale of natural gas and the names under which the Applicant is engaged or has been engaged in such business(es) Applicant may limit response to the last three (3) years:

Name: N/A

Business Address: _____

License # State of Issuance: _____

Other states in which the Applicant has applied to provide retail natural gas service but has been rejected. Applicant may limit response to the last three (3) years:

State(s): _____

Date of Application: _____

Attach additional sheets to the application if necessary.

b. Trade name (If Applicant will not be using a trade name, skip to question no. 2.a.):

Trade Name: N/A

c. The District of Columbia and other states, in which the Applicant has provided retail natural gas service under the current Applicant name or in a different name but has voluntarily or involuntarily surrendered its license. Describe reasons for license surrender. With regard to a voluntary or involuntary license surrender in the District of Columbia only, state whether any previously outstanding assessments and/or penalties imposed by the Commission and the Office of the People's Counsel have been paid. If any previous assessments and/or penalties are unpaid, provide a date certain when those assessments and/or penalties will be paid. Applicant may limit response to the last five (5) years:

State(s): N/A

Date of License Surrender and Reasons for License Surrender:

In the District of Columbia, Amount of Paid Assessments and Unpaid Assessments/Penalties Following License Surrender and to Whom Owed (If Applicable)

N/A

Attach additional sheets to the application if necessary.

2.a. CONTACT PERSON-REGULATORY CONTACT:

Name and Title: Michelle Castillo, Regulatory Specialist

Address: 8751 18th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11214

Telephone: () 718-696-0109

Fax: () _____

E-mail: regulatory@cgerenewables.com

b. CONTACT PERSON-CUSTOMER SERVICE and CONSUMER COMPLAINTS (not required for Aggregators who do not take title and/or Brokers):

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Fax: () _____

E-mail: _____

3. RESIDENT AGENT:

Name and Title: Corporation Service Company

Address: 1090 Vermont Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20005

Telephone: () 800-927-9800

Fax: () _____

E-mail: compliance@mail@cscglobal.com

4. PRIMARY COMPANY OFFICIALS

President/General Partners:

Name(s) Robert Palmese

Business Address: 8751 18th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

CEO/Managing Partner:
Name(s) Robert Palmese

Business Address: 8751 18th Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11214

Secretary Name: N/A

Business Address: _____

Treasurer Name: N/A

Business Address: _____

a. **APPLICANT'S BUSINESS FORM: (select and complete appropriate statement)**

- Proprietorship
- Corporation
- Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Limited Liability Company
- Limited Liability Partnership
- Other _____

b. **STATE OF FORMATION: Applicant's business is formed under the laws of the State of New York**

- c. **STATUS:** Provide a certificate issued by the state of formation certifying that the Applicant is in good standing and qualified to do business in the state of formation. Company Response: Please see Exhibit A.

If formed under the laws of other than the District of Columbia, provide a certificate issued by the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) certifying that the applicant is registered or qualified, to do business in the District of Columbia and is currently in good standing with DCRA and with the District Department of Finance and Revenue.

- d. **OWNERSHIP:** Provide on a separate sheet the names and addresses of all persons and entities that directly or indirectly own ten percent (10%) or more of the ownership interests in the Applicant, or have the right to vote ten percent (10%) or more in the Applicant's voting securities, or who otherwise have the power to control ten percent (10%) or more of the Applicant. Company Response: Please see Exhibit B.

5. AFFILIATES, OR PREDECESSOR(S), ENGAGED IN THE SALE OR TRANSPORTATION/DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS AT WHOLESALE OR RETAIL TO THE PUBLIC: (select and complete appropriate statement) (Applicant may limit responses to the last five (5) years)

- a. The Applicant has no such Affiliate(s) or Predecessors(s). _____
- b. Applicant is an Affiliate of a regulated utility. Please provide the regulated utility's Name and the jurisdictions in which it operates: _____

- c. Affiliate(s), or Predecessor(s), other than a regulated utility that provides, or provided, sale or transportation/delivery of natural gas at wholesale or retail to the public:

Name: Please see Exhibit C.

Business Address: _____

License #, State of Issuance: _____

Location of Operations (Utility Service Territory): Statewide in all States of Issuance

Attach additional sheets to the application if necessary.

6. ACTIONS AGAINST LICENSEES: Provide the following information for the Applicant, any Predecessor(s), and any unregulated Affiliate that engages in or engaged in the sale or transportation/delivery of natural gas at wholesale or retail to the public. (Applicant may limit responses to the last five (5) years).

- Identify all actions against the Licensee, Predecessor or any regulated or unregulated affiliate(s) such as Suspensions/Revocations/Limitations/ Reprimands/Fines and describe the action in an attached statement, including docket numbers, offense dates, and case numbers, if applicable. Formal Investigations (defined as those investigations formally instituted in a public forum by way of the filing of a complaint, show cause order, or similar pleading) instituted by any regulatory agency or law enforcement agency relating to the Applicant, Predecessor(s), or unregulated affiliate(s) if, as a result of the investigation, Applicant's/Predecessor's/or affiliate's license to provide service to the public was in jeopardy are also listed. The license number, state of issuance, and name of license are identified below:

State(s): Please see Exhibit D.

Name(s): _____

License Number(s) (or other applicable identification): _____

No such action has been taken.

7. RELIABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIAL ACTIONS AGAINST APPLICANTS/AFFILIATES: Provide the following information for Official Actions that have been taken against the Applicant, any Predecessor(s), and any unregulated Affiliate (if available to the Applicant) that engages in the retail or wholesale sale of natural gas for matters relating to environmental or reliability status for the past five years. **N/A**

- Official Actions such as Suspensions/Revocations/Limitations/ Reprimands/Fines/Regulatory Investigations (state agencies, FERC, EPA, or other federal agencies) have been taken against the Applicant, any Predecessor(s) or unregulated affiliate(s), and are described in the attached statement, including docket numbers, offense dates, and case numbers, if applicable. **N/A**

State(s): _____

Name(s): _____

- No such action has been taken.

OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

TECHNICAL FITNESS

8. Provide sufficient information to demonstrate technical fitness to provide the service proposed in this Application. Examples of such information which may be submitted include the following:

- A general description of Applicant's retail natural gas supply activities in the District of Columbia, if any, including other service territories in which Applicant has provided service and the time period.
- A copy of each agreement (if applicable) entered into with District of Columbia natural gas distribution companies.
- Biographies, including titles, of relevant experienced personnel in key technical positions.
- Other.

Company Response: Please see Exhibit E.

9. **SOURCE OF SUPPLY:** (Check all that apply) This is for informational purposes only. No update required.

- Not applicable. Applicant will not be supplying retail natural gas.
- Applicant owns natural gas supply.
- Applicant contracts for natural gas.
- Applicant obtains natural gas on the spot market.
- Other. Applicant must attach a statement detailing its source of natural gas supply.
- Aggregator or Broker only

SCOPE OF OPERATIONS

(Check all that apply)

10. **APPLICANT'S PROPOSED OPERATIONS:** The Applicant proposes to operate as a:

- Natural Gas Supplier/Marketer of natural gas.

Aggregator acting on behalf of Customers to purchase natural gas and does not take title to natural gas.

Broker acting as an agent or intermediary on behalf of Customers in the sale and purchase of natural gas and who does not take title to natural gas.

Which natural gas supply related service(s) does the Applicant offer?

Billing

Other (Please specify the nature of such other services in an attached statement.)

Does Applicant intend to offer competitive billing services? No

Is the Applicant proposing to offer any other services? No
If so, please provide information regarding the proposed service in an attached statement.

11. AREA OF OPERATION: If the Applicant does not intend to offer services throughout the Washington Gas Light Company territory in the District of Columbia, Applicant must, in an attached statement, describe in detail the area within the Natural Gas Company's service territory in which Applicant's services will be offered.

Applicant intends to offer service throughout the Washington Gas Light Company territory in the District of Columbia.

Applicant intends to offer services in only a portion of Washington Gas Light Company's service territory in the District of Columbia. Please see attached statement.

12. CUSTOMERS: Applicant proposes to initially provide services to (check all that apply):

Residential Customers

Commercial Customers

Industrial Customers

Other (Describe in attachment)

Also, Applicant proposes:

Restrictions upon the number of end use Customers (Describe in attachment)

- No restrictions on the number of end use Customers.
- Restrictions upon the size of end use Customers (Describe in attachment).
- No restrictions regarding the size of the end use Customers (Describe in attachment).
- Other restrictions regarding Customers (Describe in attachment).

13. **START DATE:** The Applicant proposes to begin delivering services:

- Upon approval of the Application and receipt of License.
- Other approximate date of commencement.

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

14. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INTEGRITY:**

Check that the documents listed below are attached to the Application.

The Applicant shall provide the most recent versions of the following documents to the extent they are available:

- Credit reports or ratings prepared by established credit bureaus or agencies regarding the Applicant's payment and credit history.
- Balance sheets, income statements and statements of cash flow for the two (2) most recent 12-month periods for which information is available. Audited financial statements must be provided if they exist. In addition, the Applicant shall provide any financial statements subsequent to the most recent annual financial statements. **Company Response: Please see Exhibit F.**
- In the event that a parent or other company, person or entity has undertaken to guarantee the financial integrity of the Applicant, the Applicant must submit such entity's balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow, together with documentation of such guarantee to insure the financial integrity of the Applicant. Audited financial statements must be provided if they exist. In addition, the Applicant shall provide any available quarterly financial statements subsequent to the most recent annual financial statements.
- If the Applicant, parent, or guarantor entity has not been in existence for at least two (2) twelve (12)-month periods, it must provide balance sheets, income

statements and statements of cash flow for the life of the business. Audited financial statements must be provided if they exist.

- Organizational structure of Applicant. Include Applicant's parent, affiliate(s), and subsidiary(ies) if any. **Company Response: Please see list of licensed energy service entities provided in Exhibit C.**
- Evidence of general liability insurance.
- If the Applicant has engaged in the retail supply of natural gas services in any other jurisdiction, evidence that the Applicant is a licensed supplier in good standing in those jurisdictions.
- A current long-term bond rating, or other senior debt rating.
- Any other evidence of financial integrity such as an unused line of bank credit or parent guarantees.

15. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Integrity Bond

An Applicant who cannot provide credible evidence that it meets the financial integrity standards listed in Section 4705 of Chapter 47 of Title 15 DCMR must submit a bond on the form attached to this Application ("Integrity Bond"). The Applicant, if licensed by the Commission as a natural gas supplier, may be required to update/revise this initial Integrity Bond, by revising the initial Integrity Bond or posting an additional Integrity Bond, as set forth in Section 4705.

However, an Applicant who can provide credible evidence that it meets the financial integrity standards listed in Section 4705 will not be required to submit an Integrity Bond. (The Applicant may still be required to submit a separate Customer Payments Bond, as discussed below.)

Company Response: Please see Exhibit G.

Customer Payments Bond

A separate bond on the appropriate form attached to this Application is mandatory if an Applicant requires prepayments and/or deposits from residential or small commercial Customers ("Customer Payments Bond"). Please check one of the boxes below to state whether you, the Applicant, intend to charge, collect, or hold prepayments and/or deposits, as such terms are defined in the Bonding Requirements Addendum attached to this Application:

- Applicant will not accept prepayments or deposits from residential and small commercial Customers.


- Applicant intends to accept prepayments or deposits and/or deposits from residential and small commercial Customers. Applicant must comply with Bonding Requirements Addendum governing the Customer Payment Bond.

Further details regarding the District of Columbia's bonding requirements are included in Sections 4704 and 4705 of Chapter 47 of Title 15 DCMR.

16. **NOTICE OF REQUIRED COMPLIANCE:** The Applicant is hereby notified that it is required to comply with the following:
- (a) The Applicant may be required to submit bond(s), as applicable as described in Section 15 herein.
 - (b) The Applicant must update this application with the Commission immediately if any of the information provided in this Application changes or an error or inaccuracy is noted during the pendency of the Application. After an Application has been approved, a Licensee must inform the Commission of changes to all parts of the application and the averment regarding any civil, criminal, or regulatory penalties, etc. imposed on applicant, *et al.* within thirty days of the change or an error or inaccuracy is noted. A Licensee must inform the Commission of changes to the averment regarding bankruptcy proceedings instituted voluntarily or involuntarily within one business day of the institution of such proceedings.
 - (c) Supplement this application in the event the Commission modifies the licensing requirements; or request further information.
 - (d) Agree that it will not present itself as a licensed retail supplier of natural gas in the District of Columbia, sell or market services, accept deposits, prepayments, or contract with any end-use Customers without a license from the Commission.
 - (e) Pay all fees imposed by the Commission and any applicable taxes.
 - (f) Ensure that a copy of each service agreement entered into with the Washington Gas Light Company is provided to the Commission.
 - (g) Attend a Natural Gas Suppliers Education Workshop sponsored by the Commission.
 - (h) If certified, the Applicant shall institute a Privacy Protection Policy to protect against the unauthorized disclosure or use of information about a Customer or a Customer's use of service. A copy of that Policy shall be

made available once a year, including any updates or changes, through electronic means or a hardcopy to the Customer and posted in a prominent place on each company's website.

- (i) Abide by 15 DCMR § 308 and not disclose information about a Customer or the Customer's use of natural gas or natural gas services without the Customer's written consent.
 - (j) Agrees to comply with 15 DCMR § 4702.11 Natural Gas Company and Licensee Responsibilities in the event of a default after certification, and with the District of Columbia Natural Gas Supplier Coordination Tariff.
17. **AFFIDAVITS REQUIRED.** The Applicant must supply Affidavits of Tax Compliance and General Compliance to the Commission with the completed Application. The affidavits are included with this Application packet and must be executed by the Applicant or representative with authority to bind the Applicant in compliance with District of Columbia laws.
18. **FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS:** Applicant is under a continuing obligation to amend its application if substantial changes occur in the information upon which the Commission relied in approving the original filing.
19. **FEE:** The Applicant has enclosed the required fee of \$400.00.

Applicant: CGE Renewables LLC
By: 
Printed Name: Robert Palmese
Title: Chief Executive Officer

AFFIDAVIT OF TAX COMPLIANCE

State of New York

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County of Kings

: ss

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Robert Palmese, Affiant, being duly [sworn/affirmed] according to law, deposes and says that:

That he/she is the Chief Executive Officer of CGE Renewables LLC (office of Affiant) of CGE Renewables LLC (Name of Applicant);

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant:

That CGE Rene, the Applicant herein, certifies to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") that it is subject to, will pay, and in the past has paid, the full amount of District of Columbia and Federal taxes imposed by applicable statutes and ordinances, as may be amended from time to time. The Applicant acknowledges that failure to pay such taxes or otherwise comply with the taxation requirements of the District of Columbia, shall be cause for the Commission to revoke the license of the Applicant. The Applicant acknowledges that it shall provide to the Commission its jurisdictional Gross Receipts and revenues from retail sales in the District, for the previous year or as otherwise required by the Commission.

As provided by applicable Law, Applicant, by filing of this application waives confidentiality with respect to its tax information in the possession of the (appropriate taxing authority), regardless of the source of the information, and shall consent to the (appropriate taxing authority) providing that information to the Commission. The Commission shall retain such information confidentially. This does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such information with respect to any party other than the Commission.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her present knowledge, information, and belief after due inquiry and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

Signature of Affiant

Robert Palmese

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of January, 2024

Signature of official administering oath

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My commission expires April 27, 2027

JENNY ORTIZ 15
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01OR0006548
Qualified in Kings County
My Commission Expires April 27, 2027

AFFIDAVIT OF GENERAL COMPLIANCE

State of New York :
County of Kings : ss

Robert Palmese, Affiant, being duly [sworn/affirmed] according to law, deposes and says that:

He/she is the Chief Executive Officer of CGE Renewables LLC (Name of Applicant).

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said Applicant.

That the Applicant herein certifies to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") that:

The Applicant agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of Washington Gas Light Company's tariff and agreements.

The Applicant is in compliance with and agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and District of Columbia consumer protection and environmental laws and regulations, and Commissions regulations, fees, assessments, order and requirements.

If certified, the Applicant shall institute a Privacy Protection Policy to protect against the unauthorized disclosure or use of information about a Customer or a Customer's use of service. A copy of that Policy shall be made available once a year, including any updates or changes, through electronic means or a hardcopy to the Customer and posted in a prominent place on each company's website.

The Applicant also agrees to abide by 15 DCMR § 308 and not disclose information about a Customer or a Customer's use of service without the Customer's written consent.

Applicant agrees, upon request by the Commission, to provide copies to the Commission, of its consumer forms and/or contracts, its marketing or advertising materials (flyers and solicitation scripts), consumer pamphlets and its consumer education materials.

Applicant agrees to abide by any periodic reporting requirements set by the Commission by regulation, including any required periodic reporting to the (appropriate taxing authority).

The Applicant has obtained all the licenses and permits required to operate the proposed business in the District of Columbia.

The Applicant agrees that it shall neither disclose nor resell individual residential Customer data provided to the Applicant by Washington Gas Light Company. Disclosure or resale of individual non-residential Customer data provided to the Applicant by a District of Columbia natural gas company will be governed by Customer contract.

The Applicant agrees, if the Commission approves its Application, to post an appropriate bond or other form of financial guarantee as required by the Commission and its regulations.

If the Applicant is certified, but later defaults, the licensee/Supplier agrees to comply with 15 DCMR § 4702.11, Natural Gas Company and Licensee Responsibilities in the event of a default, and with the District of Columbia Natural Gas Supplier Coordination Tariff.

The Applicant agrees, pursuant to the requirements of § 4703, to complete the Natural Gas Supplier Education Workshop sponsored by the Commission. Successful completion of the workshop by the Licensee shall be evidenced by a certificate issued by the Commission.

The Applicant, including any of its Predecessor(s) and/or affiliates that engages in or engaged in the sale or transportation/delivery of natural gas at wholesale or retail to the public, the general partners, company officials, corporate officers or directors, or limited liability company managers or officers of the Applicant, its predecessor(s) or its affiliates:

1. Has had no civil, criminal or regulatory sanctions or Penalties imposed against it within the previous five (5) years pursuant to any state or federal consumer protection law or regulations, has not been convicted of any fraud-related crime (including, but not limited to, counterfeiting and forgery, embezzlement and theft, fraud and false statements, perjury, and securities fraud) within the last five (5) years; and has not ever been convicted of a felony; or alternatively.
2. Has disclosed by attachment all such sanctions, penalties or convictions.

The Applicant further certifies that it:

1. Is not under involuntary bankruptcy/insolvency proceedings including but not limited to, the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, or trustee of the supplier, or a decree by such court adjudging the supplier bankrupt or insolvent or sequestering any substantial part of its property or a petition to declare bankruptcy as to reorganize the supplier; and

2. Has not filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy under any provision of any Federal or state bankruptcy law, or its consent to the filing of any bankruptcy or reorganization petition against it under any similar law; or without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a supplier admits in writing its inability to pay its debt generally as they become due to consents to the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of it or of all or any part of its property.

That Applicant possesses the requisite managerial and financial fitness to provide service at retail in the District of Columbia.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her present knowledge, information, and belief after due inquiry and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.



Signature of Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of January, 2024



Signature of official administering oath

My commission expires April 27, 2027.



VERIFICATION

State of New York :
County of Kings : ss

Robert Palmese, Affiant, being duly [sworn/affirmed] according to law, deposes and says that:

He/she is the Chief Executive Officer (Officer/Affiant) of CGE Renewables LLC (Name of Applicant);

That he/she is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said corporation;

The Applicant understands that the making of a false statement(s) herein may be grounds for denying the Application or, if later discovered, for revoking any authority granted pursuant to the Application. This Application is subject to all applicable Sections of the District of Columbia Code as may be amended from time to time relating to perjury and falsification in official matters.

That the Applicant will supplement this Application in the event the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") modifies the licensing requirements, or requests further information.

That the Applicant agrees that it will not present itself as a licensed retail supplier of natural gas in the District of Columbia, sell or market natural gas, accept deposits, prepayments, or contract with any end-use Customers without a license from the Commission.

That the Applicant agrees to update information contained in this Application in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Application.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her present knowledge, information, and belief after due inquiry and that he/she expects said Applicant to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

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Signature of Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 11th day of January, 2024

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Signature of official administering oath

My commission expires April 27, 2027.

JENNY ORTIZ
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01OR0006548
Qualified in Kings County
My Commission Expires April 27, 2027

**APPLICANT'S GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR VERIFICATION OF
FINANCIAL INFORMATION, ETC.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I/We have applied to the District of Columbia Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for a license to be a Natural Gas Supplier, or to provide certain Natural Gas Supply related services, and authorize you to release to the Staff of the Commission and its authorized representatives and agents any information or copies of records requested concerning:

MY COMPANY OR BUSINESS AND ITS HISTORY, PERFORMANCE, OPERATIONS, CUSTOMER RELATIONS, FINANCIAL CONDITION, INCLUDING BANK ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES, PAYMENT HISTORY WITH SUPPLIERS AND OTHER CREDITORS, VERIFICATION OF NET WORTH AND OTHER INFORMATION AND RECORDS WHICH THE COMMISSION REQUIRES TO VERIFY OR MAKE INQUIRY CONCERNING MY/OUR FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MY/OUR LICENSE APPLICATION OR OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME/US TO THE COMMISSION OR, STAFF OF THE COMMISSION OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES OR AGENTS.

This Authorization is continuing in nature and includes release of information following issuance of a license, for reverification, quality assurance, internal review, etc. The information is for the confidential use of the Commission and the Staff of the Commission in determining my/our financial integrity for being a licensee or to confirm information I/We have supplied and may not be released by order of the Commission or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

A photographic or fax copy of this authorization may be deemed to be the equivalent of the original and may be used as a duplicate original. The original signed form is maintained by the Staff of the Commission.

APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION:

Robert Palmese

APPLICANT (please print)

Robert Palmese

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

1/11/2024

DATE

Chief Executive Officer

TITLE

Exhibit A

Question 4c-STATUS: Provide a certificate issued by the state of formation certifying that the Applicant is in good standing and qualified to do Business in the state of formation.

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Certificate of Status

I, ROBERT J. RODRIGUEZ, Secretary of State of the State of New York and custodian of the records required by law to be filed in my office, do hereby certify that upon a diligent examination of the records of the Department of State, as of the date and time of this certificate, the following entity information is reflected:

Entity Name:	CGE RENEWABLES LLC
DOS ID Number:	6324551
Entity Type:	DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Entity Status:	EXISTING
Date of Initial Filing with DOS:	11/10/2021
Statement Status:	CURRENT
Statement Due Date:	11/30/2025

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, business activity or practices of this entity.



WITNESS my hand and official seal of the Department of State, at the City of Albany, on December 05, 2023 at 11:14 A.M.

ROBERT J. RODRIGUEZ, Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brendan C. Hughes".

By Brendan C. Hughes
Executive Deputy Secretary of State

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Exhibit B

Question 4d-OWNERSHIP: Provide on a separate sheet the names and addresses of all persons and entities that directly or indirectly own ten percent (10%) or more of the ownership interests in the Applicant or have the right to vote ten percent (10%) or more in the Applicant's voting securities, or who otherwise have the power to control ten percent (10%) or more of the Applicant.

Company Response: **REDACTED.**

Exhibit C

Question 5-AFFILIATES, OR PREDECESSOR(S), ENGAGED IN THE SALE OR TRANSPORTATION/DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS AT WHOLESALE OR RETAIL TO THE PUBLIC: (select and complete appropriate statement) (Applicant may limit responses to the last five (5) years).

- a. The Applicant has no such Affiliate(s) or Predecessors(s). **N/A**
- b. The Applicant is an Affiliate of a regulated utility. Please provide regulated utility's Name and the jurisdictions in which it operates: **N/A**
- c. Affiliate(s), or Predecessor(s), other than a regulated utility that provides, or provided, sale or transportation/delivery of natural gas at wholesale or retail to the public:

Company Response: **REDACTED.**

Exhibit D

Question 6-ACTIONS AGAINST LICENSEES: Provide the following information for the Applicant, any Predecessor(s), and any unregulated Affiliate that engages in or engaged in the sale or transportation/delivery of natural gas at wholesale or retail to the public. (Applicant may limit responses to the last five (5) years).

Identify all actions against the Licensee, Predecessor or any regulated or unregulated affiliate(s) such as Suspensions/Revocations/Limitations/Reprimands/Fines and describe the action in an attached statement, including docket numbers, offense dates, and case numbers, if applicable. Formal Investigations (defined as those investigations formally instituted in a public forum by way of the filing of a complaint, show cause order, or similar pleading) instituted by any regulatory agency or law enforcement agency relating to the Applicant, Predecessor(s), or unregulated affiliate(s)if, as a result of the investigation, Applicant's/Predecessor's/or affiliate's license to provide service to the public was in jeopardy are also listed.

Company Response: **REDACTED.**

Exhibit E

Question 8-TECHNICAL FITNESS: Provide sufficient information to demonstrate technical fitness to provide the service proposed in this Application. Examples of such information which may be submitted include the following:

- A general description of Applicant's retail natural gas supply activities in the District of Columbia, if any, including other service territories in which Applicant has provided service and the time period.
- A copy of each agreement (if applicable) entered into with District of Columbia natural gas distribution companies.
- Biographies, including titles, of relevant experienced personnel in key technical positions.
- Other.

Company Response: Please see Biographies of key employees below and attached resumes:

Robert Palmese – Chief Executive Officer

Robert Palmese is the Managing Member of CGE RENEWABLES LLC. Mr. Palmese has about 20 years' experience selling electricity and natural gas at retail. He is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Applicant and various electric power and natural gas entities. Mr. Palmese graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Mark Marzocchi – Sr. Vice President, Commercial Sales

Mr. Marzocchi leads the Commercial Sales team of CGE RENEWABLES, LLC. Mark is an industry veteran having been at Original Energy, Genie Energy, AP Gas and Electric and Hudson Energy. Mark also has a wealth of experience with energy efficiency and renewable energy products. He is also a Captain for the Tenafly Volunteer Fire Department for the past 21 years.

ROBERT V. PALMESE

8751 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214 | 718-696-0120

SENIOR EXECUTIVE, CEO AND PRESIDENT

Robert Palmese is the CEO and President of the Columbia Utilities, Indra companies and CGE Renewables. He is in charge of the long term strategy and goals of the companies, as well as handling some day-to-day operations of the companies. His responsibilities include oversight of all financial matters (including profit and loss), as well as overall company management of the purchase and scheduling of electricity and gas. Since 2002, Mr. Palmese has had identical duties and responsibilities in connection with Columbia Utilities and Indra companies that sell electric power and gas at retail in multiple states. Mr. Palmese is a graduate of Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Areas of Expertise

Operations Management | Organic Business Growth | Strategic Planning
Staff Development-Promotion | Performance & Quality Standards
Customer Satisfaction | P&L Management/Budget Planning
Change Management | Commercial & Customer Support | Strategic Partnerships | Strategic Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CGE Renewables LLC, Brooklyn, NY

2022 to Present

Responsible for establishing company's goals and strategies

- Direct the organization's financial goals, objectives, and budgets.
- Implement the organization's guidelines on a day-to-day basis.

Columbia Utilities and Indra companies, Brooklyn, NY

2002 to Present

CEO and President

Responsible for establishing company's goals and strategies and presiding over the entire workforce. Oversees budgets and ensures resources are properly allocated. Ensures departments meet individual goals. Responsible for overall accountability.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee all other executives and staff within the organization.
- Meet with other executives and Managers to determine if company is in accordance with goals and policies.
- Oversee budgets.
- Encourage business investment.
- Promote charitable donations within communities.
- Direct the organization's financial goals, objectives, and budgets.
- Implement the organization's guidelines on a day-to-day basis.
- Preside over quality control.
- Hire, train, and terminate employees.
- Develop and implement strategies and set the overall direction of a certain area of the company or organization.
- Oversee the investment of funds and manage associated risks, supervise cash management activities, foster and execute bank relationships to support expansion.
- Provide visionary and strategic leadership for the organization.
- Develop and maintain relationships with other associations, industry, and government officials that are in the best interest of the company.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Georgetown University 2002.
Double Major in Finance and Management

MARK R. MARZOCCHI

"The consummate Sales Professional who knows how to get things done!"

8751 18th Avenue, Brooklyn , NY 11214 | 718-696-0120

SR. VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES

Energetic Sales Professional with a proven track record of driving business and increasing revenue. Skilled at building solid business relationships and developing sales strategies that lead to long-term profitable partnerships.

Extensive experience leading, mentoring and creating highly successful sales teams.

Consistently exceeds objectives, increases the bottom-line, gains customer trust and secures win-win results.

DYNAMIC | PASSIONATE | ETHICAL | EFFECTIVE | MOTIVATIONAL

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Lead by Example
 - Product Development
 - Inspire | Encourage
 - Strategic Planning
 - Closing and Negotiating
 - New Business Development
 - Relationship Building
 - Supervise | Train | Mentor
 - Consultative Sales
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CGE Renewables LLC, Brooklyn, NY

Sr. Vice President of Sales

March 2023 to Present

- Building out a start-up renewable company
- Helping customers with Energy Management
- Creating a procurement Division of CGE Renewables
- Developing renewable offering to our customers

Dual Fuel Corp, Mount Vernon, NY

Sales Executive

5-2022-March 2023

- Monitoring and Controls, Service & Controls offered through a proprietary system, Axxon
- Natural gas procurement, direct and indirect sales
- Installation & Service Sales, Boilers, Oil to Gas conversions, Rebate Procurement, CHP, and much more
- Compliance, Local Law 87 & 97, Certificate to Operate

Original Energy, Portchester, NY

Head of Indirect Sales

11-2020-April 2022

- Assisted in market entry for 12 utilities
- Sold direct to larger clients and residential buildings
- Helped developed internal reporting systems

Key Achievements

- On boarded over **50 brokers**
- Assisted in cleaning up the back-end office
- Helped re brand Original Energy
- Expanded in direct channels by **25%**

Genie Energy, Newark, NJ

2016-July 2020

Mark R. Marzocchi

Vice President of Sales

- Developed new commercial sales channels exceeding all revenue goals
- Developed backend systems and processes for the commercial sales division
- Created alternative channels to drive revenue
- Formulated a feet on the street lighting retrofit program for 5 cities

Key Achievements

- Onboarded over **100 brokers**
- Exceeded all revenue goals producing over **\$5,000,000** in gross margin
- Managed and created revenue channels for Mirabito Natural Gas in Florida

AP Gas & Electric, Houston, TX

2011 – 2015

Northeast Regional Sales Director C&I

- Manage on-going business relationships for over 75 Channel Partners and Brokers for a wholesale supplier of electric power
- Develop and implement sales strategies and drive broker sales in NY, NJ, PA, MD, TX and OH

Key Achievements

- Individually produced over **\$700,000** in gross margins in one month
- Generated over **200,000 MWH** in new business in one month

Hudson Energy, Suffern, NY

2010 – 2011

Director of Sales

- Generated sales for a third-party supplier of power and natural gas in MA, NY and NJ
- Managed Broker/Partner sales and sales force in 3 deregulated states and marketed new sales channels
- Established and maintained on-going successful relationships with Brokers throughout North America
- Established a highly successful sales team and organization that drove revenue through channel partners

Key Achievements

- Earned over **100%** of targeted sales goals **ten consecutive months**
- Achieved a new sales record in 2011 of 330,000 MWH of new business in one month

Comverge, East Hanover NJ

2008 – 2010

Regional Sales Manager

- Managed and developed two business areas - **VPC© Programs** and **Comverge Energy Efficiency** for an energy conservation and demand response company

VPC© Programs

- Started and managed the VPC© sales efforts for 6 major programs nationwide
- Hired, trained, managed and mentored a successful team of over 60 salespeople and staff

Comverge Energy and Efficiency

- Spearheaded the fulfillment of an energy efficient contract with Con Edison
- Instrumental in rehabilitating the marketplace

Key Achievements

- Generated over **\$35M** in revenue
- Delivered over **79 MW** of load reduction through small commercial opportunities

EDUCATION

Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ
B.S. – Business Administration – Concentration: Marketing

TRAINING

Bergen County Police and Fire Academy
New Jersey Real Estate License
New Jersey State Certified Firefighter Instructor

Mark R. Marzocchi

Exhibit F

Question 14- FINANCIAL INTEGRITY: Balance sheets, income statements and statements of cash flow for the two (2) most recent twelve (12)-month periods for which information is available. Audited financial statements must be provided if they exist. In addition, the Applicant shall provide any financial statements subsequent to the most recent annual financial statements.

Company Response: **REDACTED.**

Exhibit G

Question 15-BONDING REQUIREMENTS-Integrity Bond: An Applicant who cannot provide credible evidence that it meets the financial integrity standards listed in Section 4605 of Chapter 46 of Title 15 DCMR must submit a bond on the form attached to this Application ("Integrity Bond"). The Applicant, if licensed by the Commission as an electricity supplier, may be required to update/revise this initial Integrity Bond, by revising the initial Integrity Bond or posting an additional Integrity Bond, as set forth in Section 4605.

Company Response: Please see attached Integrity Bond.

ATTACHMENT D

**FORM OF INTEGRITY BOND
FOR AGGREGATORS AND BROKERS**

INTEGRITY BOND-SURETY BOND

Bond No. PR2715239

We,

CGE Renewables, LLC

(Name of supplier)

8751 18th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214

(Address of supplier)

as principal, and

Platte River Insurance Company

(Surety Company)

P.O. Box 5900, Madison, WI 53705

(Address of surety)

as surety authorized to do business in the District of Columbia, are held and firmly bound to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, as obligee for the use and benefit of all persons establishing legal rights hereunder, in the sum of TEN THOUSAND 00/100 (\$10,000) lawful money of the United States of America, to the payments of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly, severally, and firmly by this document.

WHEREAS, the Principal has applied to the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia for a license to provide natural gas service to retail Customers in the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Retail Natural Gas Licensing and Consumer Protection Act of 2004, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is authorized to require the Principal to maintain a bond in order to provide retail natural gas service.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall faithfully and truly fulfill all of its service or product contracts and other contractual commitments to deliver retail natural gas services, and not file for bankruptcy or for similar protection under law, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect as security for the use of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia or of any person or entity, who after entering into a service or product contract or third party supplier agreement for service in the District of Columbia with the above named Principal is actually and directly damaged or suffers any actual or direct loss by reason of failure of service or by other breach or bankruptcy by this Principal.

The aggregate liability of the Surety is limited to the foregoing sum which sum shall be reduced by any payment made in good faith hereunder.

The term of this bond is for the period beginning December 15, 2023 and terminating December 15, 2024, and may be continued for an annual period by Continuation Certificate signed by the Principal and Surety, a copy of which must be served by registered mail upon the Secretary of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.

In order to draw funds on this Bond, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia shall issue an order stating that the Licensee is financially insolvent or unable to meet its obligations as for restitution to any Licensee's Customer who has suffered actual damages or loss of a deposit or prepayment (as such terms defined in Sections 4704 and 4705 of Chapter 47 of Title 15 DCMR) in a specific amount by means of failure, or by reason of breach of contract or violation of the Retail Natural Gas Licensing and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 and/or regulations, rules or standards promulgated pursuant thereto.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 15th day of December, 2023

Principal: CGE Renewables, LLC

By: *Paul Plura*
(Signatory)

Surety: Platte River Insurance Company

Address of Surety: _____

P.O. Box 5900

Madison, WI 53705

By: *Matthew Leskani*
(Signatory) Matthew Leskani,
Attorney-In-Fact



Notary Seal

PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY
POWER OF ATTORNEY

PR2715239

Bond Number

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Nebraska, having its principal offices in the City of Middleton, Wisconsin, does make, constitute and appoint

----- MARK D LESKANIC; MATTHEW LESKANIC; BETTE A. BOTTICELLO; GREG ANGEL -----
----- KRISTIN YEAGER; KRISTA FLETCHER; EILEEN CULLEN -----

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, as surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

----- ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000.00 -----

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 8th day of January, 2002

"RESOLVED, that the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, acting individually or otherwise, be and they hereby are granted the power and authorization to appoint by a Power of Attorney for the purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more resident vice-presidents, assistant secretaries and attorney(s)-in-fact, each appointee to have the powers and duties usual to such offices to the business of this company; the signature of such officers and seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company, and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking or other writing obligatory in the nature thereof to which it is attached. Any such appointment may be revoked, for cause, or without cause, by any of said officers, at any time."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner - Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its officer undersigned and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed duly attested, this 1st day of September, 2022.

Attest:

Ryan J. Byrnes
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Todd Burrick
Chief Underwriting Officer

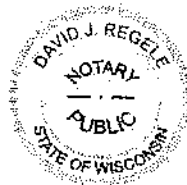


PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY

Adam L. Sills
Chief Executive Officer and President

STATE OF WISCONSIN } S.S.:
COUNTY OF DANE

On the 1st day of September, 2022 before me personally came Adam L. Sills, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of New York, State of New York; that he is Chief Executive Officer and President of PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



David J. Regele
Notary Public, Dane Co., WI
My Commission Is Permanent

STATE OF WISCONSIN } S.S.:
COUNTY OF DANE

I, the undersigned, duly elected to the office stated below, now the incumbent in PLATTE RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY, a Nebraska Corporation, authorized to make this certificate, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of Middleton, State of Wisconsin this 15th day of December, 2023.



Suzanne M. Broadbent
Secretary