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In the Matter of:

An Investigation of Natural Gas Retail Competition Programs

Case No. 2010-00146

Response of

Retail Energy Supply Association to the Association of Community Ministries' 7/14/10 Data Requests

Retail Energy Supply Association ("RESA") hereby responds to the data requests propounded by the Association of Community Ministries on July 14, 2010. RESA's response consists of one bound volume of text responses and one C-ROM containing the attachments. The CD-ROM contains attachments for the responses to the AARP, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. and ACM.

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I hereby certify that on this the <u>29th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2010, the original and ten (10) copies of the foregoing were hand delivered to the Commission for filing, and a copy was served, via U.S. Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, on each person at the address shown on the attached Service List.

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CERTIFICATION

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The undersigned, Teresa L. Ringenbach, being duly sworn, certifies that I am the Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs for the Midwest for Direct Energy, LLC, and is the Ohio Retail Energy Supply Association State Chair. I further certify that the following responses of Retail Energy Supply Association were prepared by me or under my supervision, and are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.

Teresa Ringenbach

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, this <a> day of July, 2010.

Notary Public

My commission expires: Cuica. 22, 2012

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My Commission Expires
August 22, 2012

1. Please provide a list of the members of RESA. For each member, please indicate whether the company markets natural gas to residential customers and, if so, in what state(s) it does so.

Response:

Below is a list of RESA members, followed by the individual member's website address where information is available on the commodities and products offered, to whom they are offered, and in which state or province they are offered.

ConEdison Solutions: http://www.conedsolutions.com

Constellation NewEnergy, Gas Division:

http://www.newenergy.com/portal/site/cne

Direct Energy: http://www.directenergy.com

Energy Plus: http://www.energypluscompany.com/

Exelon Energy: http://www.exelonenergy.com/Pages/default.aspx

GDF SUEZ: http://www.gdfsuezenergyresources.com/

Gexa: https://www.gexaenergy.com/Default.aspx

Green Mountain Energy: http://www.greenmountainenergy.com/

Hess: https://www.hessenergy.com/

Integrys Energy Services: http://www.integrysenergy.com/

Just Energy: http://www.justenergy.com/

Liberty Power: http://www.libertypowercorp.com/

PPL Energy Plus: http://www.pplenergyplus.com/

Sempra Energy Solutions: http://www.rbssempra.com/solutions/

2. Please refer to page 4, lines 21-23 of the Direct Testimony Of Teresa L. Ringenbach On Behalf Of The Retail Energy Supply Association. Please provide the empirical evidence underlying the assertion therein that residential customers in states with choice programs "typically can choose from a broad array of price products that often serve to better reflect the unique economic and energy needs of that individual customer."

Response:

The following are links to the multiple pricing options available in Ohio, Texas, Illinois, and Georgia for gas and electric choice products.

http://www.puco.ohio.gov/PUCO/ApplesToApples/index.cfm

http://www.icc.illinois.gov/ags/products.aspx

http://powertochoose.org/ content/ compare/understand your choices.asp

http://www.psc.state.ga.us/gas/marketerpricing/2010/Jul10/jul10gmpl.asp

3. Please refer to page 5, lines 1-3 of Ms. Ringenbach's direct testimony. Please provide the empirical evidence underlying the assertions therein that with retail choice, "customers become more engaged in what happens on their energy bill," and "[t]his in turn leads to customer concentration on not only price but how energy is used."

Response:

There are many studies that indicate price is a factor in customers' energy use and energy efficiency. By choosing to shop, the customer becomes engaged in the price decision, which in turn impacts energy usage. See Attachments 20, 21, and 22.

4. Please refer to pages 7 - 8 of Ms. Ringen bach's direct testimony, wherein she discusses the role of the Public Service Commission in a competitive market for residential customers. Does RESA support collection of a fee from natural gas marketers to fund this role in Kentucky?

Response:

Yes, RESA agrees that a reasonable level of fees may be allocated to natural gas marketers. Ohio charges suppliers fees that support the PUCO. Pennsylvania charges licensing and PUC fees to suppliers. DC also charges fees as a portion of PSC costs. The fees come in various forms including licensing fees and administrative fees.

5. Please refer to page 17, lines 2 - 9 of Ms. Ringenbach's direct testimony, wherein she discusses the need for licensing by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of suppliers serving residential customers. Does RESA support collection of a fee from natural gas marketers to fund such a licensing program?

Response:

See response to Request No. 4 above.