

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
AT RICHMOND, JULY 17, 2024

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APPLICATION OF
FIRSTSERVICE ENERGY, LLC
For aggregators license

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CASE NO. PUR-2024-00109

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On June 20, 2024, FirstService Energy, LLC ("FirstService" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider. FirstService seeks authority to provide electric and natural gas aggregation service to eligible commercial and residential customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its Application, the Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B of the Commission's Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services.¹

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; FirstService should provide notice of its Application to appropriate persons; interested persons should have an opportunity to comment on the Application; and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") should be directed to investigate the Application and present its findings in a report ("Staff Report"). We further find that a Hearing Examiner should be appointed to rule on all discovery matters that arise during the course of this proceeding.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings,

¹ 20 VAC 5-312-10 *et seq.*

unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2024-00109.

(2) All pleadings in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").² Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and the Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk so that no party or Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code of Virginia and 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery issues that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

² 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

(5) Any interested person may request a copy of the Application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request to Chris Raiford, Energy Procurement Specialist, 575 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017, chris.raiford@firstserviceenergy.com. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of such request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request. A copy of the Application also may be viewed or downloaded from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

(6) On or before July 24, 2024, FirstService shall serve a copy of this Order upon the utilities listed in Attachment A to this Order.

(7) On or before July 31, 2024, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, proof of service upon the utilities identified in Ordering Paragraph (6).

(8) On or before August 7, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of such comments shall be sent to the Company at the address in Ordering Paragraph (5). All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00109.

(9) Staff shall analyze FirstService's Application and shall present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before August 14, 2024.

(10) On or before August 21, 2024, the Company may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any response to the Staff Report and to any comments filed in this proceeding.

(11) All documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(12) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via electronic mail to the extent possible. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(13) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

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