



# Competitive Natural Gas Supplier Company Bios

## Commerce Energy

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Commerce Energy formerly known as ACN Energy  
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[www.commerceenergy.com](http://www.commerceenergy.com)

### History:

Commerce Energy was founded in 1997 as Commonwealth Energy Corporation. Its parent company is Commerce Energy Group. The company now serves customers in nine states and 17 utility markets.

Commerce Energy acquired ACN Energy in February 2005.

### Ohio Business:

As of December 2004, the company served customers in 66 of Ohio's 88 counties. ACN Energy received its natural gas supplier certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in August of 2002 and was recertified for an additional two years in September 2004. Commerce Energy is currently working to have the certification transferred.

### National Business:

Commerce Energy also serves natural gas customers in California, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas.

## Direct Energy

### Contact:

Direct Energy  
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Worthington, OH 43085  
1-888-467-9988 (toll free)  
[www.directenergy.com](http://www.directenergy.com)

### History:

Direct Energy has served residential and commercial customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio since 1998 and Dominion East Ohio since 2000.

Direct Energy, a Canadian company, was incorporated in May 1998. Direct Energy is owned by Centrica, a leading energy provider in Britain and Canada.

### Ohio Business:

Direct Energy has been serving natural gas customers in Ohio since 1998. In July 2002, Direct Energy acquired customers of New Power, another natural gas supplier in Ohio. The company received its natural gas certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In December 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through December 2006.

Prior to 2005, Direct Energy conducted business in Ohio as Energy America.

### National Business:

Direct Energy supplies natural gas to residential customers in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois and many parts of Canada.

Globally, the Centrica group of companies is a provider of energy and other services with more than 33 million customers.

## Dominion East Ohio Energy

### Contact:

Dominion Retail Inc.  
*Known in Ohio as Dominion East Ohio Energy*  
P.O. Box 298  
Pittsburgh, PA 15230  
1-877-796-0957 (toll free)  
[www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com)

### History:

Dominion East Ohio Energy has served residential and commercial customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio since the summer of 2001 and Dominion East Ohio since the fall of 1997. Dominion East Ohio Energy,

incorporated in January 1997, is a subsidiary of Consolidated Natural Gas Company. Consolidated is a subsidiary of Dominion Resources Inc., one of the nation's largest producers of energy based in Richmond, Virginia.

**Ohio Business:**

Dominion East Ohio Energy has been serving natural gas customers in Ohio since 1997. The company received its natural gas certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In November 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through October 2006.

**National Business:** Dominion East Ohio has several affiliates that supply electric and natural gas service in North America including:

- ▶ The East Ohio Gas Company – an Ohio natural gas utility serving customers in the northeast and northwest regions of the state.
- ▶ The Peoples Natural Gas Company – a natural gas utility serving customers of Pennsylvania.
- ▶ Hope Gas Inc. – a natural gas utility serving customers of West Virginia.
- ▶ Virginia Gas Inc. – a natural gas utility serving customers in Virginia.
- ▶ Virginia Electric & Power Company – an electric utility serving customers of Virginia.
- ▶ North Carolina Power – an electric utility serving customers in North Carolina. Dominion East Ohio Energy is licensed to sell natural gas in North Carolina.

Dominion East Ohio Energy is licensed to sell natural gas in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey. The company is also licensed to sell electricity in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

## The Energy Cooperative of Ohio

**Contact:**

The Energy Cooperative of Ohio through SOAR  
800 Cross Pointe Rd., Suite D.  
Gahanna, OH 43230  
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[www.soarenergy.com](http://www.soarenergy.com)

**History:**

The Energy Cooperative of Ohio has served residential and commercial customers of Columbia

Gas of Ohio since November 1998 and Dominion East Ohio since December 2000. The Energy Cooperative, a nonprofit corporation, was formed in 1998. The Energy Cooperative is a buying group that combines the natural gas accounts of all its members giving the entire group greater bargaining power. This corporation is owned by its members and operates under state law.

Soar Energy, a nonprofit organization formed in 2001, is a member-owned cooperative. Soar Energy provides green power with the cooperation of environmental, consumer and low-income community organizations.

**Ohio Business:**

The Energy Cooperative only provides natural gas service to residential and small business customers in the Columbia Gas and Dominion East Ohio service areas. The company received its natural gas supplier certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In September 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through September 2006.

## Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.

**Contact:**

Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.  
5020 Bradenton Ave.  
Dublin, OH 43017  
1-877-444-7427 (toll free)  
[www.IGSEnergy.com](http://www.IGSEnergy.com)

**History:**

Interstate Gas Supply has served residential customers in the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Duke Energy, Dominion East Ohio and Vectren Energy of Ohio service areas since 1998, 2001 and 2000 respectively. Interstate Gas Supply, an Ohio-based company, was founded in 1989. The company is privately owned and has no parent companies.

**Ohio Business:**

The company received its natural gas supplier certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in July 2002. In July 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through July 2006.

**National Business:**

Interstate Gas Supply also operates as a natural gas supplier in Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

## MXEnergy Inc.

### Contact:

MXEnergy Inc.  
744 West Main St., Ste. 1100  
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701  
1-800-785-4373 (toll free)  
[www.mxenergy.com](http://www.mxenergy.com)

### History:

MXEnergy has served residential and commercial customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio since July 2000 and Dominion East Ohio since April 2001. MXEnergy, a Maryland-based corporation, was formed in 1999. MXEnergy has no affiliates or subsidiary companies.

### Ohio Business:

MXEnergy received its natural gas certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In August 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through August 2006.

### National Business:

Since 1999, MXEnergy has been supplying natural gas to residential and small commercial customers in Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Florida, Illinois, Indiana and New Jersey.

## Shell Energy Services

### Contact:

Shell Energy Services  
P.O. Box 4911  
Houston, TX 77002  
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### History:

Shell Energy Services, a Texas-based company, has served residential and commercial customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Dominion East Ohio and Vectren Energy of Ohio since April 2001.

Shell Energy, founded in 1998, is a subsidiary of Shell Oil Co., one of America's largest oil and natural gas producers

### Ohio Business:

The company received its natural gas certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through 2006. Shell Energy is also a certified supplier in Ohio's electric choice program.

### National Business:

Shell Energy has served as a natural gas supplier in Georgia since 1998.

## Vectren Retail, LLC

### Contact:

Vectren Retail, LLC  
*Known in Ohio as Vectren Source*  
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Evansville, IN 44708  
1-800-516-6740  
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### History:

Vectren Source has served residential and commercial customers of Columbia Gas of Ohio since November 2001 and residential customers of Dominion East Ohio since May 2002. Vectren Source, formed in 2001, is a subsidiary of Vectren Corporation, an energy holding company headquartered in Indiana. Vectren Corporation's operations began in March 2000 after the merger between two Indiana-based companies, Indiana Energy Inc. and Sigcorp, Inc. In October 2000, Vectren Corporation acquired the natural gas distribution assets of Dayton Power & Light, a utility company in western Ohio.

### Ohio Business:

Vectren Source serves residential customers of Columbia Gas, Dominion East Ohio and Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio. The company received its natural gas certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In July 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through July 2006.

### National Business:

Vectren Source has several affiliates and subsidiaries that supply electric and natural gas service in North America including:

Indiana Gas Company – doing business as Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc.

Proliance Energy LLC – authorized to provide natural gas service to commercial and industrial customers in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Missouri, Georgia, Wisconsin, Texas, Minnesota and Virginia.

Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company – doing business as Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc.

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. – a natural gas utility serving Southwest Ohio.

The company also offers telecommunications services as well as other natural gas products (grills, logs, etc.)

## **WPS Energy Services, Inc.**

### **Contact:**

WPS Energy Services, Inc.  
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Worthington, OH 43085  
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### **History:**

WPS Energy has served residential and commercial customers of Duke Energy since 1999, Columbia Gas of Ohio since 1997 and Dominion East Ohio since October 2000. WPS Energy, a subsidiary of WPS Resources Corp. and WPS Power Development, Inc., was formed in 1994. WPS Energy is one of several subsidiaries of WPS Resources Capital Corp., which is based in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

### **Ohio Business:**

WPS Energy received its natural gas certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in August 2002. In November 2004, the PUCO approved the renewal of the company's certification through November 2006.

WPS Energy also is a certified electric supplier in Ohio serving over 90,000 residential customers in the Northeast and Northwest regions of the state as part of aggregation programs.

### **National Business:**

WPS Energy also is licensed to supply electricity in Maine, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

**Please note some suppliers listed may not currently have an offer available. See the "Comparing Your Energy Choices" fact sheet for a complete listing of current offers in your service area.**

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), the residential utility consumer advocate, represents the interests of 4.5 million households in proceedings before state and federal regulators and in the courts. The state agency also educates consumers about electric, natural gas, telephone and water issues and resolves complaints from individuals. To receive utility information, brochures, schedule a presentation or file a utility complaint, residential consumers may call 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622) toll free in Ohio or visit the OCC website at [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

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**For additional information from the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel:**

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