



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-27-01 Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Abandonment" means to cease being a retail natural gas supplier or governmental aggregator in this state.
- (B) "Applicant" means a person who files an application for certification or certification renewal under this chapter.
- (C) "Application form" means a form, approved by the commission, that an applicant seeking certification or certification renewal as a retail natural gas supplier or as a governmental aggregator files with the commission as set forth in this chapter.
- (D) "Billing or collection agent" has the meaning set forth in division (I) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (E) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.
- (F) "Commodity sales service" has the meaning set forth in division (C) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (G) "Comparable service" has the meaning set forth in division (D) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (H) "Competitive retail natural gas service" has the meaning set forth in division (J) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (I) "Consumer" has the meaning set forth in division (E) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.



- (J) "Contract" means an agreement between a customer and retail natural gas supplier or governmental aggregator that specifies the terms and conditions for provision of competitive retail natural gas service.
- (K) "Customer" means a person who contracts with or is solicited by a retail natural gas supplier or governmental aggregator for the provision of a competitive retail natural gas service.
- (L) "Existing customer" means a person who has a contract with a retail natural gas supplier or governmental aggregator for the provision of competitive retail natural gas service.
- (M) "Gas company" means a company that meets the definition of a gas company set forth in section 4905.03 of the Revised Code and that also meets the definition of a public utility under section 4905.02 of the Revised Code.
- (N) "Governmental aggregator" has the meaning set forth in division (K)(1) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code. For purposes of this chapter, "governmental aggregator" specifically excludes a municipal corporation acting exclusively under Section 4 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, as an aggregator for the provision of competitive retail natural gas service.
- (O) "Mercantile customer" has the meaning set forth in division (L) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (P) "Natural gas company" has the meaning set forth in division (G) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (Q) "Person" has the meaning set forth in division (H) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.
- (R) "Regulated sales service" means the provision of natural gas commodity service to consumers at the gas cost recovery rate or any alternate gas cost pricing mechanism approved by the commission pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-19 of the Administrative Code.
- (S) "Regulated sales service customer" means a person who has an agreement by contract and/or tariff with a natural gas company or gas company to receive regulated sales service.



(T) "Retail natural gas aggregation service" means combining the natural gas load of multiple retail residential customers or small commercial customers via an agreement with the customers for the purpose of purchasing competitive retail natural gas service on an aggregated basis.

(U) "Retail natural gas aggregator" means a person who contracts with customers to combine the customers' natural gas load for the purposes of purchasing competitive retail natural gas service on an aggregated basis.

(V) "Retail natural gas brokerage service" means assuming the contractual and legal responsibility for the sale and/or arrangement for the supply of competitive retail natural gas service to a retail customer in this state without taking title to the natural gas.

(W) "Retail natural gas broker" means a person who provides retail natural gas brokerage service.

(X) "Retail natural gas marketing service" means assuming the contractual and legal responsibility for the sale and provision of competitive retail natural gas service to a retail natural gas service customer in this state and having title to natural gas at some point during the transaction.

(Y) "Retail natural gas marketer" means a person who provides retail natural gas marketing service.

(Z) "Retail natural gas service" has the meaning set forth in division (M) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.

(AA) "Retail natural gas supplier" has the meaning set forth in division (N) of section 4929.01 of the Revised Code.

(BB) "Small commercial customer" means a commercial customer which is not a mercantile customer under paragraph (P) of this rule.

(CC) "Staff" means the commission staff.