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The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc.
Application for Licensure of
Agents, Brokers, and Consultants
under Section 16-115C
of the Public Utilities Act.

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Docket No. ~~08-0548~~

09-0513

APPLICATION

The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc. ("Applicant"), hereby requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") grant it a license pursuant to Section 16-115C of the Public Utilities Act ("Act"). In support of its application, Applicant states as follows:

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GENERAL [454.40, 454.50, 454.100]

1. Applicant's name and street address:

The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc.
500 North Michigan Ave.
Suite 300
Chicago, Illinois 60611

2. Related Information:

- Type of business entity: [corporation, LLP, LLC, etc.]:
S Corporation
- Jurisdiction in which and under whose laws business entity was created:
Illinois
- Other names under which Applicant does business (D/B/A): N/A

3. Contact Persons for the following:

- a) issues related to processing this application and
- b) issues related to complaint resolution [454.130]

Provide each contact person's name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for a) and b).

Contact Persons for 3 a) & b) above:

Jan Gamboa, Principal, or Jeff Scholtes, Principal
500 North Michigan Avenue
Suite 300
Chicago, Illinois 60611
312-396-4020
ceg@cornerstoneenergygroup.com

4. Description of Applicant's business. [454.40(c)(1)]

Prepare, issue, and manage solicitations for electric supply for end users.

Perform an economic analysis of responses to solicitation.

Review and negotiate contract language.

Prepare report of economic analysis and key contract points and review with Client.

5. A statement in support of application, supporting documents, and schedules containing information showing that the applicant meets the requirements of Section 16-115C of the Act. [454.40(d)(1)]

Applicant believes it meets the requirements of Section 16-115C of the Act, as demonstrated by attachments that show qualifying industry experience.

6. The name, address, telephone number, any facsimile number and any e-mail address of the agent registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. This information shall be kept current and any change regarding the licensee shall be reported within 15 days after the change occurs. The required information shall be filed with the Chief Clerk of the Commission at its Springfield office. [454.40(c)(3)]:

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7. Applicant certifies that it:

- a) is licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and is in compliance with all other applicable laws, regulations and Commission rules and orders; [454.40(c)(2)]

- b) shall comply with all terms and conditions required by Section 16-115C of the Act; [454.40(d)(2)]
- c) shall ensure any person who acts on behalf of the entity will comply with all sections of Part 454 applicable to the function or functions to be performed; [454.40(d)(3)]
- d) shall remain in compliance with the provisions of the Act and Part 454; [454.50]
- e) shall ensure that authorizations received from customers, and all other applicable records are retained for a period of not less than three calendar years after the calendar year in which they were created; and [454.100(a)]
- f) shall preserve the confidentiality of its customers' data. [454.100(b)]

MANAGERIAL LICENSING QUALIFICATIONS [Section 454.60]

- 8. Applicant meets the managerial qualifications set forth in Part 454.60, as demonstrated in Attachment A. Attachment A includes an exhibit containing a corporate organizational chart and identifying the persons who are being used to meet the requirements of Part 454.60(a). Attachment A includes an exhibit containing occupational background information on the person or persons who are being used to meet the requirements of Part 454.60(a).

TECHNICAL LICENSING QUALIFICATIONS [Section 454.70]

- 9. Applicant meets the technical qualifications set forth in Part 454.70, as demonstrated in Attachment A. Attachment A includes an exhibit containing occupational background information on the person or persons who are being used to meet the requirements of Part 454.70(a).

FINANCIAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS [SECTION 454.80]

- 10. Applicant is required to execute and maintain a license or permit bond in the name of the People of the State of Illinois issued by a qualifying surety or insurance company authorized to transact business in the State of Illinois. The amount of the bond shall equal \$5,000

CODE OF CONDUCT [SECTION 454.90]

- 11. Applicant certifies that it shall:
 - a) Disclose in plain language in writing the nature of the services offered by The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc.;

- b) Disclose in plain language in writing to all persons it solicits the total anticipated remuneration to be paid to it by any third party over the period of the proposed underlying customer contract. Any such disclosure must be made prior to entering into the contract and signed by the customer;
- c) Not hold itself out as independent or unaffiliated with any RES, or both, or use words calculated to give that impression, unless the person or entity offering service under this Section 16-115C of the Act has no contractual relationship with any RES or its affiliates regarding retail electric service in Illinois;
- d) Not utilize false, misleading, materially inaccurate, defamatory, or otherwise deceptive language or materials in the soliciting or providing of its services;
- e) Maintain copies of all marketing materials disseminated to third parties for a period of not less than three years;
- f) Maintain copies of all disclosure statements required in subsections (a) and (b) for a period of not less than three years;
- g) Not present electricity pricing information in a manner that favors one supplier over another, unless a valid pricing comparison is made utilizing all relevant costs and terms; and
- h) Comply with the requirements of Sections 2EE, 2FF, 2GG, and 2HH of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act [815 ILCS 505/2EE, 2FF, 2GG, and 2HH].

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS [SECTION 454.110]

12. Applicant agrees to submit reports in accordance with annual reporting requirements. [454.110]

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Commission grant its application for licensure as an agent, broker, or consultant to engage in the procurement or sale of retail electricity supply for third parties.

Respectfully submitted,

The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc.

By: 

Jeff Scholtes, Vice President

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF GRUNDY

Jeff Scholtes, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Vice President of The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc.; that he has read the foregoing Application of The Cornerstone Energy Group, Inc., and all of the attachments accompanying and referred to within the Application; and that the statements contained in the Application and the attachments are true, correct and complete to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Jeff Scholtes
[Name of person verifying application]

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 4th day of November, 2009.

Sonia A. DeLockery
Notary Public

[Stamp of Notary]

