

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**RJ and ML Associates, Inc.** :  
: **15-0531**  
**Application for Licensure of** :  
**Agents, Brokers, and Consultants** :  
**under Section 16-115C of the** :  
**Public Utilities Act.** :

**ORDER**

By the Commission:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On September 21, 2015, RJ and ML Associates, Inc. (“Applicant”) filed a verified application with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) requesting a certificate of service authority to operate as an agent, broker, or consultant (“ABC”) in Illinois pursuant to Section 16-115C of the Public Utilities Act (“Act”), 220 ILCS 5/1-101 *et seq.*, and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 454, "Licensure of Retail Electric Agents, Brokers and Consultants" (“Part 454”). Applicant requests authority to offer services as an ABC for the procurement or sale of retail electricity supply for third parties in the State of Illinois. Upon review of the application, Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) requested additional information and clarification of certain matters. On September 28, 2015, Applicant filed an amendment to the Application. Since all of the information to grant the requested relief was contained in the Application and the amendment to the Application, the Hearing was waived.

**II. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS UNDER SECTION 16-115C OF THE ACT**

Applicant is a business organized under the laws of Nevada and authorized to transact business in Illinois. Applicant has certified that it will comply with all applicable regulations; that it will comply with informational and reporting requirements established by Commission rule; that it will comply with informational and reporting requirements pursuant to Section 16-115C of the Act; and that it will comply with all other applicable laws, regulations, terms, and conditions required to the extent they have application to the services being offered by an ABC. Applicant has agreed to ensure that any person who acts on its behalf will comply with all applicable sections of Part 454. Applicant agrees that it will remain in compliance with the provisions of the Act and Part 454, and will 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. Applicant has agreed to adopt and follow rules and procedures to preserve the confidentiality of its customers’ data. The Applicant has also attested that

no complaints have been filed against it for its provision of services in the electric or gas industry in the jurisdictions where it provides or is seeking to provide services.

### **III. FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL, AND MANAGERIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 16-115C**

Applicant is required by Section 454.60 to demonstrate that it meets the managerial qualifications necessary to provide services as an ABC. Applicant must further provide an organizational chart that indicates the position of persons which satisfy the managerial qualification. Applicant has demonstrated that it meets the managerial qualifications set forth in Section 454.60 through the resumes attached to the Application. The corporate organizational chart attached to the Application identifies the persons being used to meet the requirements of Section 454.60(a). The resumes attached to the Application contain occupational background information on the person or persons being used to meet the requirements of Section 454.60(a).

Applicant is required by Section 454.70 to demonstrate that it meets the technical qualifications necessary to provide services as an ABC. Applicant has demonstrated that it meets the technical qualifications set forth in Section 454.70 with the information provided in the resumes attached to the Application. The resumes contain occupational background information on the person or persons being used to meet the requirements of Section 454.70(a).

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 454.80 of Part 454, Applicant provided a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000 issued by a qualifying surety authorized to transact business in Illinois. Applicant further agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct for ABCs contained in Section 454.90.

### **IV. COMMISSION CONCLUSION AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY**

The Commission has reviewed the application, the amendment to the application and attachments along with the supplementary information provided by Applicant regarding the technical, managerial, and financial requirements and all other requirements of the Act and Part 454 and finds that the Applicant sufficiently demonstrates compliance with the requirements. The Commission concludes, therefore, that Applicant's request for a certificate of service authority to operate as an ABC in Illinois should be granted and should include the following authority:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY**

IT IS CERTIFIED that RJ and ML Associates, Inc. is granted service authority to operate as an agent, broker, or consultant for the procurement or sale of retail electricity supply for third parties in the State of Illinois.

**V. FINDINGS AND ORDERING PARAGRAPHS**

The Commission, having reviewed the entire record, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) RJ and ML Associates, Inc., a business organized under the laws of Nevada and authorized to transact business in Illinois, seeks a certificate of service authority to operate as an ABC under Section 16-115C of the Act;
- (2) the Commission has jurisdiction over the party hereto and the subject matter hereof;
- (3) the recitals of fact and conclusions reached in the prefatory portion of this Order are supported by the record and are hereby adopted as findings of fact;
- (4) RJ and ML Associates, Inc. has demonstrated that it possesses sufficient financial, managerial, and technical resources and abilities to provide services as an ABC for the procurement or sale of retail electricity supply to third parties in the State of Illinois;
- (5) RJ and ML Associates, Inc. has complied with Section 16-115C of the Act and Part 454; and
- (6) RJ and ML Associates, Inc. should be granted a certificate of service authority to operate as an ABC as specified in this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that RJ and ML Associates, Inc. is hereby granted a Certificate of Service Authority authorizing it to operate as an agent, broker, or consultant; said Certificate of Service Authority shall read as that set forth in Section IV of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that RJ and ML Associates, Inc. shall comply with all applicable Commission rules and orders now and as hereafter amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

(SIGNED) BRIEN SHEAHAN

Chairman