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September 23, 2010

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 SEP 23 2010

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Re: Ambit Northeast, LLC Electric Generation Supplier License Docket No. A-2010-2190276

Dear Ms. Chiavetta.

In response to your letter dated September 8, 2010 enclosed is the supplemental documentation and 3 hard copies of Ambit Northeast, LLC's application for approval as an Electric Generation Supplier License. Please note the application responses containing confidential information are being filed under seal as this information is sensitive trade secret, commercial, and financial information that, if disclosed to competitors, would cause substantial harm and put Ambit Northeast, LLC at a disadvantage to its competitors. Accordingly, Ambit Northeast, LLC respectfully requests the Commission to maintain the confidentiality of the information filed under seal.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (214) 270-1785. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely.

Carl Williams

Director - Business Development

Ambit Northeast, LLC

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**Enclosures** 

**ENCLOSURE** 

# BUREAU OF FIXED UTILITY SERVICES Docket No. A-2010-2190276 AMBIT NORTHEAST, LLC

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# PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

- 1. <u>FICTICIOUS NAME</u> (Application Item 4) The Company has indicated that it will be using a fictitious name or doing business as ("d/b/a") Ambit Energy. Provide a copy of the Company's filing with the Commonwealth's Department of State pursuant to 54 Pa. C.S. §311. Form PA-953, evidencing the authority to operate under said fictitious name. <u>See Exhibit A.</u>
- 2. <u>BUSINESS ENTITY FILINGS</u> (Application Line 5) Provide a copy of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. <u>See Exhibit B to be filed under confidential seal.</u>
- 3. <u>TAXATION</u> (Application Item 15, Attachment D) Provide an amended Tax Certification Statement that includes a Corporate Box Number in Section 9C. As a limited liability company registered to do business in Pennsylvania, the Company should have been assigned a Corporate Box Number (also called Corporate Account Number (also called Corporate Account Number) by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue (DOR). The PA DOR may be reached by phone at (717) 772-2673 or through its website at <a href="http://www.revenue.state.pa.us/">http://www.revenue.state.pa.us/</a>. <a href="https://www.revenue.state.pa.us/">Ambit is still waiting on the PA DOR to provide Ambit with this information. Once Ambit receives this information it will be sent. See Exhibit C.
- **4.** <u>CONTACTS FOR CONSUMER SERVICE AND COMPLAINTS (Application Item 17a) Provide the name, title, address, telephone number, and fax number for an alternate person responsible for addressing customer complaints.</u>

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5. <u>TECHNICAL FITNESS</u> (Application Item 20) — Provide a detailed description of how the Company plans to market its products in Pennsylvania. Include specific information regarding the Company's customer enrollment and verification procedures. Indicate whether or not the Company will be utilizing independent contractors to provide marketing services and if the Company plans to market its products door-to-door. See Exhibit D.

If the Company proposes to market its products through network or multi-level marketing, provide the following information:

- a. A detailed description of the amount and type(s) of training the Company provides its distributors **See Exhibit E to be filed under confidential seal.**
- b. A copy of the distributorship agreement and compensation plan <u>See Exhibit E to be filed under confidential seal.</u>
- c. Whether or not the Company requires its distributors to be exclusive. That is, are the Company's distributors restricted from marketing the products or services available from an EGS other than the Company? **See Exhibit D.**

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# **VERIFICATION**

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Docket No. A-2010-2190276

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

I, Jere Thompson, Jr., hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this manner. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date

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# Attachment A

# Responsive to Item 4

Commonwealth's Department of State evidencing the authority to operate under a fictitious name

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Date Filed: 09/20/2010
Basil L Merenda, Acting Secretary
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

# PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE CORPORATION BUREAU

# Application for Registration of Fictitious Name 54 Pa.C.S. § 311

PENNCORP SERVICE GROUP, INC. 600 NORTH SECOND ST. PO BOX 1210 4917 HARRISBURG, PA 17108-1210

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania FICTITIOUS NAME 3 Page(s)



Fee: \$70

In compliance with the requirements of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311 (relating to registration), the undersigned entity(les) desiring to register a fictitious name under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 (relating to fictitious names), hereby state(s) that:

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<ol><li>Each entity, other than an indivi</li></ol>	idual, interested in such business is (are):	
Ambit Northeast, LLC	Limited Liability Company	Delaware
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### Attachment B

## Responsive to Item 5

## Articles of Incorporation

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### Attachment C

## Responsive to Item 15, Attachment D

### Tax Certification Statement

Ambit is still waiting on the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to provide Ambit with the Corporate Box Number. Once Ambit receives this information it will be sent to the PUC.

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## Attachment D

Responsive to Item 20

**Technical Fitness** 

Detailed description of how Ambit plans to market in PA including customer enrollment and verification procedures.

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#### **Technical Fitness Questions**

#### Provide a detailed description of how the Company plans to market its products in Pennsylvania.

Ambit Energy utilizes a direct sales model to market to small commercial and residential retail energy customers. Under this model, Independent Consultants ("Consultant") educate their friends, family members, and associates about Ambit Energy's gas and electricity offers in the deregulated markets where Ambit Energy operates. Ambit Energy maintains full oversight and responsibility for the company's marketing channel.

Customer orders are entered one of two ways. The primary means is through our secure internet order process whereby customers enter their appropriate information and are presented with offers available to them. Upon selection of a product, the customer is walked through the order entry process which gathers all necessary information to process the customer order. The secondary means is through our inbound call center which follows the same process with the assistance of one of our trained Enrollment Team specialists.

All orders are verified by a recorded, independent, third party verification ("TPV") call from an outside vendor which is transacted with the customer within minutes of the order being placed. The customer verifies that they choose Ambit Energy as their new energy supplier for electricity and/or gas. The service address, product selection, customer incentives and other pertinent details are verified as well. If the customer does not verify each question asked during the TPV call, the verification process is voided, the order is cancelled prior to Ambit fully processing a switch request, and the customer is required to completely verify each question again at a later date; thus the customer is not switched away from their existing supplier until the full TPV process is completed start to finish.

After the customer completes TPV, Ambit sends a Welcome Letter along with a copy of the Terms of Service and Disclosure Statement, in order to provide yet another opportunity for the customer to read the Terms of Service and Disclosure Statement prior to the right to rescind timeframe has expired.

#### Will the Company utilize independent contractors to provide marketing services?

No, the Company will not utilize independent contractors to provide marketing services to its customers.

#### Will the Company market its products door-to-door?

No, Ambit Consultants are not permitted to market services door-to-door, as specified in Section 4.29 of the Consultant Policies and Procedures manual (attached).

# Provide a detailed description of the amount and type(s) of training the Company provides its distributors.

Ambit Energy provides Consultants with several channels of information and training. First, Consultants have online access to PowerZone, a real-time, secured website wherein Consultants can access the latest Company news including updates to marketing practices, market-specific changes, and updates. On PowerZone, Consultants can download the most up-to-date product information,

sales contracts, terms of service and sales collateral created and approved by the Company for Consultant use.

Second, upon signup Consultants receive a marketing consultant kit, which is designed to provide specific information about each market where Ambit Energy conducts business. Company produced and approved sales literature, and self-directed training materials that assists new Consultants in distinguishing the differences between marketing the Company's business opportunity and educating customers about their energy choices.

Third, all Consultants are encouraged to attend Company events and training sessions, which are designed to provide Consultants with guidance from Company executives and field sales leaders who provide advanced training in the areas of professional conduct, Company goals and ethics, and showcase Consultants who follow Company guidelines while creating a successful independent consultant business. Training sessions occur almost every week in every market Ambit serves.

Fourth, Consultants receive messages from the Powerline Voice Messaging Platform, a voice mail distribution system that delivers the latest information from Ambit Energy executives regarding rate changes, product updates, and policy or guideline changes.

Lastly, all Consultants have access to Ambit Energy's toll-free Consultant Support Line, which consists of dedicated, trained, Ambit Energy employees based in Dallas, Texas at the Company's headquarters. Ambit Energy's consultant support call center is available Mondays through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Standard Time and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time to answer questions from Consultants.

Ambit consultants are required to strictly conform to our Policies and Procedures document which strictly outlines the method in which they are allowed to market our services. If an Ambit consultant is found to be non-compliant with any of our policies and procedures, that consultant is promptly terminated and on occasion, an email and web flash goes out to all consultants detailing the activity in question, and the result of that consultant's actions. This serves to keep non-compliant behavior at bay. Documentation of past terminations can be provided upon request.

#### Provide a copy of the distributorship agreement and compensation plan.

Please see the attached Independent Consultant Application and Agreement ("Agreement"), Consultant Policies and Procedures, and Getting Paid document which outlines the compensation plan for Consultants.

#### State whether or not the Company requires its distributors to be exclusive.

Ambit's Agreement does not require its distributors to be exclusive to Ambit. It does prohibit the Consultant from converting existing Ambit customers to another distributor for a period of one year after termination of the Agreement, so Consultants may market services to new customers whom they do not have a prior relationship.

## Attachment E

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**Technical Fitness** 

Consultant Agreement Consultant Compensation Plan Consultant Policies and Procedures

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# CONFIDENTIAL/PROPRIETARY MATERIAL FOLLOWS:

# NO SCANNED IMAGE AVAILABLE

# ACTUAL DOCUMENT IN CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOLDER

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