

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF PATRIOT ENERGY GROUP, INC. FOR )  
A CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC ) PSC DOCKET NO. 11-40  
SUPPLY SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE )  
OF DELAWARE )  
(FILED JANUARY 25, 2011) )

**ORDER NO. 7911**

**ELECTRIC SUPPLIER CERTIFICATE**

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2011 the Commission determines and orders the following:

1. On January 25, 2011, Patriot Energy Group, Inc. ("Patriot Energy" or "Company"), filed an application seeking certification as a retail electric supplier in order to broker the sale or purchase of electric supply service (the "Application"). See 26 Del. C. §§1001(2), 1001(11), 1012(a). Under the Electric Utilities Restructuring Act of 1999 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> "electric suppliers", which includes brokers, are not "public utilities," and, accordingly, the resulting sales of electric supply service to retail customers are not subject to traditional forms of rate-regulation. See 26 Del. C. §§102(2), 202(f).<sup>2</sup>

2. In the Application, the Company reports that it is a broker that will utilize appropriate energy procurement strategies to meet

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<sup>1</sup> See 26 Del. C. ch. 10 (2004 Supp.), as amended by the "Electric Utility Retail Customer Supply Act of 2006," 75 Del. Laws Ch. 242 (2006).

<sup>2</sup> Under the Act, a "broker" is an agent or intermediary in the sale or purchase of electricity to, or by, retail electric customers. Although a broker never takes "title" to the electric supply product, the Act deems a broker an "electric supplier." See 26 Del. C. §§1001(2), 1001(11) c.

the needs of its commercial and industrial customers in Delaware. Staff reports that the Company's application fulfills all of the requirements for an Electric Supplier Certificate to act as a broker as set forth in the Commission's Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers (the "ES Rules"). In particular, Staff reports that the Company appears to possess the financial, operational, managerial, and technical capabilities to operate as a broker of electric supply service. Based on Staff's report, the Commission hereby issues to Patriot Energy an Electric Supplier Certificate, allowing it to broker sales and customer purchases of electric supply services in the State of Delaware consistent with the scheme adopted by the Act and the ES Rules.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That Patriot Energy Group, Inc. is hereby granted under 26 *Del. C.* §1012(a) and the Commission's "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers" a certificate to do business, and operate, as an "Electric Supplier" (broker) within the State of Delaware. Under this Certificate, Patriot Energy Group, Inc. is authorized to broker Electric Supply Service within this State in accordance with 26 *Del. C.* ch. 10.

2. That Patriot Energy Group, Inc. shall at all times provide its brokerage of Electric Supply Service in accordance with the requirements imposed by 26 *Del. C.* ch. 10 and the Commission's "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers" as presently adopted, or as may be hereafter amended or supplemented. Patriot Energy Group, Inc. is hereby notified that a violation of any

applicable statute, rule or other controlling authority may be enforced by the sanctions permitted by 26 Del. C. §1012(a) and §10.2 of the "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers".

3. That Patriot Energy Group, Inc. shall, pursuant to the provisions of 26 Del. C. §1012(c)(2) and §§3.9 and 3.10 of the "Rules for Certification and Regulations of Electric Suppliers," file such reports and pay such fees and assessments as may be required, or may be imposed, by 26 Del. C. §§114 and 115.

4. That Patriot Energy Group, Inc. consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware for all acts or omissions related to its offering of electric supply services in this State.

5. That Patriot Energy Group, Inc. is hereby placed on notice that the costs of the proceedings will be charged to it under the provisions of 26 Del. C. §114(b) (1).

6. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow

Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark

Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Alisa Carrow Bentley

Secretary