STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 12-097

Investigation into Purchase of Receivables, Customer Referral and Electronic Interface for Electric and Gas Distribution Utilities

PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

NOW COMES PNE Energy Supply LLC d/b/a Power New England ("PNE"), hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and NH Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17. In support of its Petition for Intervention, Petitioner says the following:

- 1. On May 3, 2012, the Commission issued an Order of Notice opening this proceeding into issues related to whether purchase of receivables, customer referral and electronic interface programs will promote customer choice consistent with the restructuring principles of RSA 374-F:3; and whether the resulting rates associated with the programs are just and reasonable pursuant to RSA 378:5 and 7.
- 2. Petitions for Intervention, pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and Rule Puc 203.1, must set forth the facts demonstrating that the petitioner's right's, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, and that the interest of justice and the prompt and orderly conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention. Alternatively, the Commission may grant intervention if it is in the interest of justice. RSA 541-A:32, II.
- 3. PNE is a licensed competitive supplier in New Hampshire and is currently serving a substantial number of small commercial and residential customers and is very interested in becoming involved in the issues noticed by the Commission in this proceeding.
- 4. On April 13, 2012, Power New England (PNE) filed a petition seeking an order by the Commission requiring modifications to certain tariff provisions of PSNH. <u>Docket No. DE 12-093</u>. Specifically, PNE seeks to eliminate PSNH's Selection Charge, Billing and Payment Charge, and Collection Services Charge in order to promote customer choice for smaller customers.

- 5. On May 18, 2012, the Commission issued a letter in this proceeding (<u>Docket No. DE 12-097</u>) indicating that it will hear argument at the prehearing conference on the merits of expanding the scope of this proceeding to include the matters addressed in PNE's petition.
- 4. PNE has substantial interests that will be affected by the Commission's deliberations in this proceeding. The prompt and orderly conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention. It also would be in the interests of justice for the Commission to grant PNE's intervention.

WHEREFORE, PNE hereby respectfully request the Commission to grant it intervener party status and to order such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
PNE ENERGY SUPPLY LLC
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Certification of Service

Dated: May 22, 2012

Pursuant to Rules Puc 203.02(2) and Puc 203.11, I have served copy of this petition on each person identified on the commission's service list for this docket.

/s/_James T. Rodier