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By Email and First Class Mail

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429



RE: Docket No. DE 07-064 Petition of Wal-Mart, Stores East, L.P. to Intervene and Request to Participate in the June 18, 2007 Technical Session by Telephone

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above matter, please find the original and seven (7) copies of Wal-Mart, Stores East, L.P.'s Petition to Intervene in this proceeding. Kindly date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of the petition and cover letter and return them to our files in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope.

Wal-Mart requests that its in-house rate expert be allowed to participate by telephone in the June 18, 2007 pre-hearing conference and technical session. In support of its request, Wal-Mart states that its in-house experts are located in Bentonville, Arkansas. Moreover, Mr. Jess Galura, who has been assigned to work with legal counsel in this case, is unable to attend the June 18, 2007 pre-hearing conference and technical session in person. He recently returned to the office from an extended medical leave and thus, his attendance at the June 18, 2007 proceedings would be especially difficult. Mr. Galura is extremely knowledgeable about Wal-Mart's electric service requirements and the issues in the proceeding, having participated in similar proceedings across the country. His participation will provide unique insights into the rate issues being considered and will facilitate discussions at the pre-hearing conference and technical sessions. Accordingly, Wal-Mart requests that he be allowed to participate by telephone. Debra A. Howland June 7, 2007 Page 2

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures cc: Service List

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 07-064

PETITION OF WAL-MART, STORES EAST, L.P. TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and PUC 203.17 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Wal-Mart, Stores East, L.P. ("Wal-Mart") hereby petitions to intervene in the abovecaptioned matter. In support of this petition, Wal-Mart states as follows:

- On May 14, 2007, the Commission opened a docket to investigate the merits of instituting appropriate rate mechanisms, such as revenue decoupling, which would have the effect of removing obstacles to, and encouraging investment in, energy efficiency. DE 07-064, Order of Notice at 1.
- 2. Wal-Mart is one of the largest private consumers of electricity in the United States and operates multiple large retail stores in the State of New Hampshire. Across the country, Wal-Mart is developing and deploying several innovative conservation and renewable technologies with the goal of reducing greenhouse gases at its existing stores, clubs and distribution centers by 20% over the next seven years and eventually supplying 100% of its electricity needs through renewable energy resources. Wal-Mart will be investing approximately \$500 million annually in technologies and innovation to accomplish these goals and hopes to expand its clean energy and conservation efforts into New Hampshire.
- In addition to developing renewable technologies, Wal-Mart recently has participated in several demand response programs in various states, including programs offered by utilities in Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas, which involved more than 190 Wal-Mart facilities.

- 4. As a major commercial ratepayer of each of the electric distribution companies in New Hampshire with a total of 32 facilities, who pays approximately \$11 million in electric distribution rates per year in the aggregate, Wal-Mart is directly and specifically affected by any changes to the rate structures of the electric distribution utilities which may result from revenue decoupling measures adopted by the Commission.
- 5. In addition, as an innovator in the development and use of conservation and renewable technologies, Wal-Mart has a unique and direct interest in this proceeding. Wal-Mart's interest cannot be adequately represented by any other participant in this proceeding.
- 6. Wal-Mart has acquired substantial experience through its activities and participation in similar proceedings in other states and as a result, has developed unique insights into the issues in this proceeding, including the examination and development of rate proposals designed to promote energy conservation. Wal-Mart also has experience in New Hampshire proceedings, in which Wal-Mart participated in the Commission's investigation into Energy Policy Act Standards, Docket No. DE 06-061, with a focus on developing appropriate standards to promote energy conservation.
- Wal-Mart's request to intervene is timely and the granting of Wal-Mart's petition will not result in any undue delays or otherwise impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.
- 8. The following persons should be included on the service list in this proceeding and all communications concerning this matter should be addressed to:

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Wherefore, Wal-Mart respectfully requests that its petition to intervene be granted with

full rights as a party.

Respectfully submitted, WAL-MART STORES EAST, L.P. By its attorneys,

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