October 27, 2009

Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St. Concord, NH 03301



RE: Docket Number DE-09-067

Dear Ms. Howland;

Attached is my petition for intervener status in Docket Number DE 09-067, Complaint of Clean Power Development, LLC against Public Service of New Hampshire.

Thank you very much for taking my request to be an intervener.

Sincerely,

State Representative Robin Read

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STATEOF NEW HAMPSHIRE

before the

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE-09-067

COMPLAINT OF CLEAN POWER DEVELOPMENT, LLC AGAINST PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBIN P. READ PETITION TO INTERVENE

October 27, 2009. NOW COMES State Representative Robin P. Read and respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in the above-referenced proceeding. In support of this petition, Rep. Read states the following:

As a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives representing Portsmouth and Newington, a member of the Science, Technology and Energy Committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, a Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) ratepayer, and longtime advocate for the development of New Hampshire's renewable energy resources, I have an ongoing interest in this proceeding.

- 1.Clean Power Development is proposing to build a 29-megawatt biomass-fueled combined heat and power energy facility in Berlin, NH. The facility would create much-needed jobs in New Hampshire's North Country and reduce the need for greenhouse gas producing fossil fuel energy sources to produce electricity. The City of Berlin supports the project yet Public Service of New Hampshire has refused to enter into serious negotiations with Clean Power Development to purchase Clean Power Development's energy. PSNH, though, has entered into an agreement to purchase power from another biomass project that studies indicate would likely have a negative long-term impact on the state's forest products industry.
- 2. Clean Power Development's power is expected to cost less than energy produced by PSNH owned facilities. Thus PSNH would be violating Public Utilities Commission Least Cost Planning orders by refusing to purchase Clean Power Development's energy.
- 3. New Hampshire RSA 362 F-1 states that "it is in public interest to stimulate investment in low emission renewable energy generation technologies in New England and, in particular, New Hampshire, whether at new or existing facilities." Clean Power Development's Project would be such a facility.

4. Under electric industry deregulation and subsequent Renewable Portfolio Standard and other legislation, the New Hampshire Legislature intended that a merchant power industry be created in the state that would provide competition in the industry and would promote the development of the state's renewable energy resources. PSNH's actions in this matter have not met the letter or spirit of these laws and have not been in the best interests of New Hampshire's ratepayers or the state's efforts to reduce emissions and protect its environment.

Respectfully submitted,

State Representative Robin Read

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