

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DE 16-241

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
Petition for Approval of a Gas Capacity Contract with Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC,  
Gas Capacity Program Details, and Distribution Rate Tariff for Cost Recovery

**CONCURRENCE OF CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION  
WITH THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION  
FOR DESIGNATION OF STAFF ADVOCATES**

Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”) hereby concurs with the motion to designate certain Commission Staff as “advocates,” pursuant to RSA 363:31, I and N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.07, filed by the Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) in this proceeding on May 9, 2016. CLF shares the OCA’s concerns that because Mr. Speidel and Mr. McCluskey have previously taken substantive positions on the issues under consideration in phase one of the instant proceeding, it is unreasonable to expect them to now serve in a position requiring neutrality as to the outcome of phase one of this proceeding. Even if this were not an unreasonable expectation of Mr. Speidel and Mr. McCluskey, it is necessary to designate these members of the Commission’s Staff as advocates in order to preserve the appearance of neutrality and fairness.

In addition to the reasons set forth above, CLF adopts by reference the grounds detailed in the OCA’s motion as to the appropriate designation of Mr. Speidel and Mr. McCluskey as participants in this proceeding, and concurs that the Commission should, and indeed must, designate Mr. Speidel and Mr. McCluskey as Staff Advocates in this docket.

WHEREFORE, CLF respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order designating Staff Attorney Alexander Speidel and Utility Analyst George McCluskey as Staff Advocates in this proceeding, pursuant to RSA 363:32.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this pleading has been sent by email to the service list in Docket No. DE 16-241 on this 10th day of May, 2016.



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