

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

before the

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 16-241

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NH d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
Petition for Approval of Gas Capacity Contract with Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Gas  
Capacity Program Details, and Distribution Rate Tariff for Cost Recovery

**OFFICE OF ENERGY AND PLANNING**  
**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

NOW COMES the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) and respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in the above-referenced proceeding, pursuant to Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32. In support of this petition, OEP states the following:

1. OEP is an Executive Branch agency charged with serving as the State's Energy Office and advising the Governor on matters pertaining to energy policy.
2. OEP has an interest in the issues cited by the Commission in its Order of Notices regarding Eversource's request to purchase natural gas capacity on behalf of its electric customers, and to recover the costs through a nonbypassable charge on all Eversource distribution customers.
3. OEP participated in IR 15-124, the Commission's related docket Investigation into Potential Approaches to Ameliorate Adverse Wholesale Electricity Market Conditions in New Hampshire. OEP is also a party in Eversource's Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan docket, DE 15-248.
4. OEP produced the 2014 State Energy Strategy that the Commission cites in its Order of Notice, and has advocated for long-term, comprehensive integrated resource planning to ensure that utilities provide the least cost, cleanest energy sources consistent with the energy policy and planning directives set forth in RSA 378:38 *et seq.*
5. OEP's intervention is in the interest of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, OEP requests that the Commission grant this motion, allow OEP to intervene as a party in this proceeding, and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith A. Hatfield  
Director

**Certificate of Services**

I certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing was hand-delivered to the PUC and the Office of Consumer Advocate, and was provided electronically to all other parties on the Service List in DE 16-241.

April 11, 2016



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