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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 17-113

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Petition for Approval of Energy Service Supply Proposal

Petition to Intervene on Behalf of New England Power Generators Association, Inc.

NOW COMES the New England Power Generators Association, Inc.

("NEPGA") and, pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17, respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

("Commission") for intervention as a full party in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, NEPGA¹ states as follows:

On July 11, 2017, the Commission issued an Order of Notice ("Notice") noting that Eversource has "filed a petition for approval of its proposal to provide energy service to its customers following the divestiture of its generating facilities consistent with the 2015 PSNH Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement." See Notice at 1.
As the Commission further noted:

the filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the proposals for the Small Customer and Large Customer group power requirements are in the public interest and result in just and reasonable rates consistent with RSA 374:2 and are market based consistent with RSA 374-F...and whether it is in the public interest and consistent with RSA 369-B for Eversource to implement the solicitation and rate setting process before divestiture is completed.

¹ The views set forth in this Petition reflect those of NEPGA and not necessarily those of its individual members.

Notice at 3.

- The Notice established a deadline of August 1, 2017 for the submission of petitions to intervene and scheduled a Prehearing Conference and Technical Session for August 4, 2017.
 Accordingly, this Petition is timely filed.
- 3. The statutory standards for intervention are set forth in RSA 541-A:32, I and II. First, a petition for intervention *must* be granted if the petitioner states facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding (or the petition qualifies under any provision of law) and the interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing intervention. RSA 541-A:32, I, (b) and (c). Second, the Commission *may* grant a petition to intervene "at any time, upon determining that such intervention would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly conduct of the proceedings." RSA 541-A:32, II; *see also* N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 (requiring Commission to grant one or more petitions to intervene consistent with statutory standards).
- For the reasons presented below, NEPGA meets the foregoing mandatory and discretionary standards for intervention.
- NEPGA is the trade association representing competitive electric generation companies in New England. NEPGA's

members collectively generate approximately 25,000 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity in the region, with more than 2,600 MW generated by New Hampshire companies. Its mission is to promote sound energy policies to further economic development, jobs and a balanced environmental policy.

NEPGA believes that sustainable competitive markets are the best means to provide long-term reliable and affordable supplies of electricity for consumers. NEPGA's member companies have been involved with the design and development of competitive wholesale electricity markets and sell their energy and capacity into the New England wholesale power markets administered by ISO-New England.

6. As participants in the region's wholesale power markets,
NEPGA's members have a substantial and specific interest in a
fully competitive generation market and maintaining a level
playing field within that market. NEPGA has a direct and
substantial interest in ensuring that Eversource's proposals for
the Small Customer and Large Customer group power
requirements are market based consistent with RSA 374-F, and
whether it is consistent with RSA 369-N for Eversource to
implement the solicitation and rate setting process before
divestiture of its generation assets is complete.

- 7. NEPGA has been granted intervention in other Commission proceedings, including: DE 14-238 (Determination Regarding PSNH's Generation Assets); DE 10-160 (PSNH customer migration docket; DE 10-261 (PSNH Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan); DE 10-195 (PSNH Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement), and DRM 14-234 (rulemaking on Chapter 2100 affiliate rules) as well as others.
- 8. As the foregoing information demonstrates, NEPGA has knowledge and experience that are likely to be of value to the Commission and other parties to the proceedings. Thus, granting this petition for intervention would be in the interests of justice.
- NEPGA's intervention will not impair the orderly conduct of this
 proceeding, and in fact, will help conserve resources by avoiding
 the need for individual NEPGA member companies to
 participate individually to protect their own interests.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, NEPGA respectfully requests that the Commission grant it full intervenor status in the proceeding and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Dated: August 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of NEPGA's Petition to Intervene has on this 1st day of August 2017 been hand-delivered to the Commission and sent by email to the service list in DE 17-113.

By: /s/ Bruce Anderson