

**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**DOCKET NO. DE 24-070**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Request for Change in Distribution Rates**

July 12, 2024

**COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to Commission Order No. 27,029 noticing the Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding on June 28, 2024 in the above-captioned docket, N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, and in accordance with the standards of RSA 541-A:32, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (“CPCNH”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for leave to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, CPCNH states the following:

1. CPCNH is a voluntary New Hampshire nonprofit corporation with an office at 20 W Park Street, Suite 110, Lebanon, NH 03766 and a mailing address of P.O. Box 840, Concord, NH 03302.
2. CPCNH is a governmental instrumentality of its 60 members comprised of 58 NH municipalities and two counties and is organized pursuant to a joint powers agreement (JPA) under NH RSA 53-A and 53-E:3, II(b). CPCNH member communities now represent more than 35% of the state’s population.
3. In April 2023, CPCNH begun operation as a functioning joint power supply agency to procure and supply electricity and related services to member community power programs and is currently providing alternative default power supply service to 43 municipalities serving more than 130,000 customers as of meter reads at the end of June 2024. Of the total customers served by CPCNH statewide, about 65,000 are in Eversource’s service territory spanning across 37 communities including the cities of Dover, Nashua, Portsmouth, and Somersworth, Cheshire County, and the towns of Atkinson, Barrington, Bethlehem, Boscawen, Bradford, Canterbury, Charlestown, Chesterfield, Dublin, Durham, Enfield,

Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Grantham, Hanover, Harrisville, Hudson, Loudon, Nelson, New London, Newmarket, Pembroke, Peterborough, Plainfield, Roxbury, Rye, Stratham, Sugar Hill, Tamworth, Warner, Webster, Westmoreland, and Winchester (some of which are being served on a default service basis by Cheshire County). Most of these municipalities and the county being served by CPCNH also have their own electric accounts with Eversource for distribution services.

4. Following the March 1, 2024 launch of 12 additional community power aggregation programs, CPCNH became the second largest power supplier in New Hampshire, at least by customer count.
5. The JPA authorizes CPCNH “to jointly exercise certain powers, privileges, and authorities granted to municipalities and counties pursuant to” a number of statutes “in order to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy-related programs, and to exercise all other powers necessary and incidental to accomplishing this purpose.” Article 7.16 of its Articles of Agreement, part of the JPA, specifically grants CPCNH the power to “[i]ntervene in germane regulatory proceedings on behalf of itself and its Members.”
6. At its June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting CPCNH’s Board of Directors unanimously voted to authorize this petition for intervention.
7. CPCNH member communities being served by Eversource have a substantial interest in this proceeding as it relates to the NH energy system and distribution costs to their own municipal or county accounts and those of their residents, businesses and other consumers, whether they are taking CPA or Eversource default service or service from a competitive supplier.
8. CPCNH has a strong interest in the following subject areas, all of which could be directly or indirectly impacted by the findings made in this proceeding: interconnection, performance-based ratemaking, rate design, energy efficiency and conservation, and advanced demand response.
9. CPCNH’s intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, will not result in undue delay, and will not prejudice the interest of any party.

**WHEREFORE**, CPCNH requests that the Commission grant this petition to allow CPCNH to be made a full intervenor in this proceeding and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

***Respectfully submitted*** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

***Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire***

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***by CPCNH Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Deana Dennis, duly authorized  
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