STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Before the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Public Service Company of New Hampshire Distribution Rate Case

Docket No. DE 09-035

RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire, (hereinafter RMANH) hereby respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter the Commission) for full party status in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31 (Supp. 1994) and N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.01. In support of its Petition for Intervention, RMANH states the following:

- 1. RMANH is a New Hampshire Trade Association representing retail, commercial businesses in New Hampshire, many of whom are PSNH ratepayers.
- 2. RMANH is concerned with ensuring that its members' interests are considered in the development of delivery rates for electric energy in New Hampshire.
- 3. RMANH is located at 35A, South Main Street in Concord, NH. The Association will be represented in this proceeding by James Monahan, Vice President of the Dupont Group located at 114 North Main Street in Concord, NH.
- 4. After reviewing the Order of Notice 24,994, in which the Commission clarified elements of the scope of the proceeding, the RMANH has determined that factors affecting the cost of electric service of its members are at issue in this proceeding. Of particular interest are the cost of service rate design, attrition impacts and how they might affect RMANH members.
- 5. Granting the RMANH's Petition for Intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.
- 6. Accordingly, RMANH requests the opportunity to participate as a full party in this proceeding, exercising whatever rights are allowed by statute, rule and orders of the Commission.

WHEREFORE RMANH respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene and such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted, James Monahan, on behalf of RMANH

In By:___

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, the original and six (6) copies of the above Petition to Intervene were hand-delivered to the Public Utilities Commission, and that a copy of this Petition was hand-delivered or sent by First Class U.S. Mail to the following persons:

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