

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 16-576

**DE-16-576 Electric Distribution Utilities
Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or
Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators**

Now comes Granite State Hydropower Association, Inc. (“GSHA”) a New Hampshire association representing small hydroelectric power producers, and, pursuant RSA 541-A:32 and NH Admin. Rules 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, GSHA states as follows:

1. The Commission’s Order of Notice dated May 19, 2016 in this docket stated that this Docket has been opened to consider the Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer Generators
2. The Order of Notice established a deadline of June 7, 2016 for submission of petitions to intervene and scheduled a prehearing conference for June 10, 2016. Accordingly, this petition is timely filed.
3. The statutory standards for intervention are set forth in RSA 541-A:32, I and II. 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 petitioner qualifies under any provision of law) and the interest of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing intervention. The Commission may also 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.
4. For the reasons presented below, GSHA believes it meets the forgoing mandatory and discretionary intervention standards.
5. GSHA is a non-profit trade association for the small independent hydroelectric power industry in New Hampshire. Its members own, operate and manage New Hampshire hydroelectric facilities that either are Customer- Generators or may have the potential to become Customer -Generators within the meaning of RSA 362-A:9.


6. The substantial interest of GSHA's member are likely to be affected by this proceeding as it relates to the development of new alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer- Generators. Certain GSHA members presently are Customer -Generators who sell energy pursuant to existing Net Metering Tariffs. Additional GSHA member projects may become eligible to sell their energy pursuant to new alternative net metering tariffs under consideration by the Commission in this docket. Any decision by the Commission in this docket relating to alternative net metering tariffs may have a material effect on the future operation and viability of GSHA member projects.
7. As the foregoing information demonstrates, GSHA has knowledge and experience that are likely to be of value to the Commission and other parties in this proceeding. Thus, granting this petition for intervention would be in the interest of justice.
8. GSHA's intervention will not impair the orderly conduct of this proceeding and, in fact, will help to conserve resources by avoiding the need for individual members to participate in order to protect their own interests.

WHEREFORE, GSHA respectfully requests that the Commission grant it full intervenor status in this proceeding and grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANITE STATE HYDROPOWER ASSOCIATION

Dated: May 26, 2016

By: 
Richard A. Norman
President

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition has on this 26th day of May 2016 been sent either by electronic or first class mail, postage prepaid, to the persons listed on the Service List.


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