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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 16-576

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or  
Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer - Generators

**Petition for Intervention**

The Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA), submits this Petition for Intervention, and states as follows:

1. The BIA, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce and leading business advocate, is a nonprofit business association which represents more than 400 members in a variety of industries, including advanced manufacturing, high technology, professional services, financial services, health care, hospitality and tourism, public utilities, higher education and insurance. Our member firms employ 86,000 people throughout the state and contribute \$4.5 billion annually to the state's economy.
2. BIA's position is that the net metering credit (tariff) should be set at the wholesale rate to end the cost shifting which is currently occurring between customer classes. BIA is not advocating for the elimination of the net metering credit. We support solar and alternative forms of energy; however, on this matter we believe the credit should be set at the wholesale rate which would put an end to the cost-shifting that is currently taking place within customer classes, and would result in net metering customers paying their fair share for the cost of maintaining the electric grid upon which we all rely.
3. The cost of residential solar installations has fallen nearly 75% over the past decade, with further reductions expected over the next few years. A net metering credit at the wholesale rate will continue to be an important incentive for residential and other small-scale solar installations, but at a rate that is fair to all customers. In addition, New Hampshire's solar industry will continue to benefit from other incentives such as the federal government's 30% income tax credit; solar rebates up to \$3,750 and up to 25% of total project costs for commercial and industrial applications; and local property tax exemptions.

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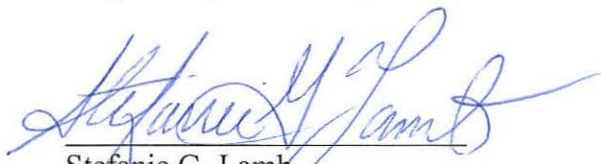
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4. Advanced manufacturing, New Hampshire's most important economic sector, represents nearly 68,000 jobs in the state and is particularly sensitive to the cost of electrical energy. Based on the most currently available information, electricity prices in New Hampshire are nearly 60% higher than the national average. The high cost of electricity is being used right now in decisions by manufacturers and others about where to grow their operations.
5. The resolution of this docket will directly affect BIA's commercial and industrial business members located in the affected electric distribution utility's service territories (Eversource Energy, Unitil and Liberty Utilities).
6. The BIA has participated in numerous proceedings before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission in the past regarding issues similar to those presented in this docket. These issues are of critical concern to New Hampshire's business community.
7. BIA's participation in the proceeding will not disrupt the orderly conduct of this proceeding, or delay the proceedings.

The BIA respectfully requests that it be granted full intervenor status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,




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Vice President of Public Policy

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**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 sent electronically to the Utilities and all other parties on the Service List in DE 16-576.



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