

# The State of New Hampshire

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



# Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

June 13, 2007

Debra A. Howland Executive Director Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket Number DE 07-064 Energy Efficiency Rate Mechanism



Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed please find an original and eight (8) copies of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' (DES) Motion for Intervention for the above-referenced matter. Copies of this motion have been hand-delivered to PUC staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), and have been sent via first-class United States mail to the participating Utilities, and all other persons on the Service List for DE 07-064.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Scott

Director

Air Resources Division

Enclosure

cc: Office of the Consumer Advocate

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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### before the

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 07-064

Energy Efficiency Rate Mechanism

# MOTION TO INTERVENE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

NOW COMES the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) pursuant to PUC 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b) and requests leave to intervene in the above captioned matter. In support of this motion, DES states as follows:

- 1. DES is responsible for implementing laws and regulations that are protective of public health and the environment.
- 2. Fossil-fuel burning electric power plants emit substantial quantities of air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and mercury. In addition, electricity production is responsible for approximately one third of the greenhouse gas emissions generated in New Hampshire. Energy efficiency measures, which avoid having to generate electricity, avoid emissions of all pollutants. Front-end pollution prevention strategies, such as energy efficiency and conservation, eliminate emissions of harmful pollutants to the air rather than just diminish them or shift their environmental impact to another media such as water or land.
- 3. The Office of Energy and Planning and the Office of the Consumer Advocate concur with this request.
- 4. DES has a direct interest in the issues raised by the Commission's Order of Notice in this docket, especially as they pertain to the design and delivery of energy efficiency programs. Rate decoupling could significantly affect delivery of state-wide efficiency programs and the utility incentives to manage these programs. In addition, additional energy efficiency funds may be generated through the potential adoption of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. This docket could help inform the structure and delivery of these additional efficiency programs. DES was an active participant in the stakeholder process leading to the creation of the CORE programs in 2002, and has intervened in subsequent CORE energy efficiency dockets. DES's intervention will not impair the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, DES requests that the Commission grant this motion, allow DES to intervene in this proceeding, and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Robert R. Scott

Director

Air Resources Division

# Certificate of Service

I certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing was hand-delivered to PUC staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, and sent via first-class United States mail to the Utilities and all other persons on the Service List in DE 07-064.

June 13, 2007

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