STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

before the

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG-09-053

Northern Utilities/Unitil Gas Energy Efficiency Program Proposal

OFFICE OF ENERGY AND PLANNING PETITION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) and respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in the above-referenced proceeding, pursuant to Rule PUC 203.02 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b). In support of this petition, OEP states the following:

- 1. OEP represents the Governor on matters pertaining to energy policy.
- 2. OEP has an ongoing interest in the issues cited by the Commission in its Order of Notice regarding the Rate-payer funded energy efficiency programs offered by the gas utilities.
- 3. OEP's intervention is in the interest of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF ENERGY AND PLANNING

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Certificate of Services

I certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing was hand-delivered to PUC staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

April 2, 2009

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