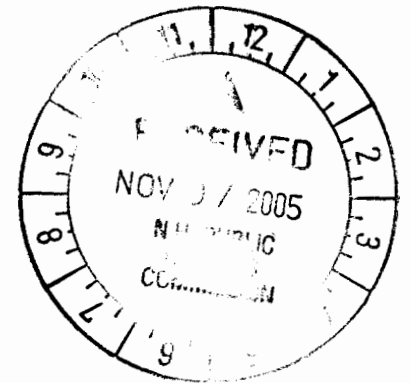




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November 4, 2005

Debra A. Howland
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Re: Docket #DM 05-172 Investigation Regarding Utility Poles

Dear Ms. Howland,

Please find enclosed for filing the original and eight copies of a Petition to Intervene in the above captioned docket. Copies of this letter and the petition have gone forward in accordance with the attached service list.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Sanderson, Esq.
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DM 05-172

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Now comes the Local Government Center, by and through its attorneys, and pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and Rule Puc 203.02 petitions the Commission for permission to intervene in the above noted docket. In support of this petition, your petitioner states:

1. The Local Government Center (LGC) is a voluntary non-profit, non-partisan service organization whose membership includes 233 of the 234 towns and cities in the state. In addition, the LGC maintains affiliate group membership for associations of local officials, including, but not limited to the NH Public Works Association, the NH Association of Assessing Officials, the NH Municipal Management Association, and others who are vitally interested in the subject matter of this docket.
2. LGC serves as a clearing house for information, assistance, discussion and state level advocacy of municipal issues, including the law of highways, and the placement of structures within the highway right of way.
3. Every municipality in the State has an interest in the practices and procedures of the regulated utilities that are brought before the Commission in this docket, and would benefit from LGC's intervention in this docket.
4. The LGC believes it can play an important role in the prosecution of this docket by making information filed by the parties available to its members who have not elected to formally intervene and advocate on their own behalf.

Wherefore, the LGC moves and prays that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene, and for such other and further relief as may be just.

Dated: November 3, 2005

The Local Government Center

By: Maura Carroll
Maura Carroll, Esq.
Its General Counsel

Certification of Service

I hereby certify that I have provided copies of the within Petition to Intervene to the named parties set forth on the attached service list as required by the Order of Notice.

Dated: November 3, 2005

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