# 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 Norwich Technologies

#### PETITION TO INTERVENE

June 8, 2016

NOW COMES Rep. Lee W. Oxenham, respectfully petitioning to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding as a full party, with a PETITION TO INTERVENE pursuant to the N.H. Code of Administrative Rules: PUC 203.17 and RSA 541- A:32.

In support of this petition, I present the following:

1. The Commission's Order of Notice dated May 19, 2016 stated that this Docket was opened to consider the Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer Generators and scheduled the prehearing conference for June 10, 2016. Unfortunately, I mistook the date for the prehearing as also the date for submission of Petitions to Intervene. Notwithstanding this one day delay in filing this Petition, I ask to be permitted to participate in this Proceeding in view of the following.

The statutory standards for intervention are set forth in RSA 54 1-A:32, I and II as:

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."

2. I have an established interest in the issues cited by the Commission in its May 19, 2016 Order of Notice regarding the development and adoption of new net metering tariffs, and in how such tariffs may affect the continued development of distributed renewable resources within the State inasmuch as I am a State Legislator representing an area with many active customer generators and numerous individuals engaged in small alternative

energy businesses. I also submitted a number of Bills to the Legislature in 2015-2016 concerning issues directly related to net metering, the setting of tariffs concerning alternative energy generation, and the need for the Public Utility Commission to explicitly take into account the public interest in its work. Finally, I was actively involved in the legislative process in 2016 concerning net metering that led to the passage of HB 1116, which mandated initiation of the current docket.

3. My intervention in this docket would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings. If allowed to intervene, I will abide by the Commission's rules and procedural schedule developed in this docket and make every effort to work collaboratively with the Staff and other parties.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Honorable Commission grant this Petition and allow me to intervene as a full party in this proceeding, and to grant such other relief as the Commission finds just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lee W. Oxenham