



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 16-827

**Petition for Approval of a Transition Fund
For Concord Steam Non-Governmental Non-Profit Customers**

Resilient Buildings Group, Inc.

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

DANA NUTE

February 8, 2017

1 **Q. Please state your name and position.**

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3 A. My name is Dana Nute. I am the General Manager of Resilient Buildings
4 Group.

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6 **Q. Mr. Nute have you previously testified before the New Hampshire Public**
7 **Utilities Commission (Commission)?**

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9 A. [I have submitted written testimony in the CORE Dockets].

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11 **Q. Mr. Nute, please tell us bit more about your background in energy?**

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13 A. I currently coordinate technical and construction measures for deep-energy
14 retrofit and high-performance buildings. For twelve years I worked as the Director
15 of Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Conservation for the Community Action
16 Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., helping work on energy-related
17 installations and weatherization for thousands of homes. Prior to working with the
18 CAPs, I managed and developed large commercial construction projects
19 throughout the Northeast and overseas. I am State-certified energy auditor with
20 the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, on the Board of Directors of
21 the Residential Energy Performance Association, on the Advisory Board for the
22 State of New Hampshire Weatherization Assistance Program, a member of the
23 Statewide Steering Committee for Healthy Homes, and a member of the National
24 Weatherization Plus 2015 Committee in Washington, DC. I graduated from
25 Northeastern University with a civil engineering degree working in construction
26 management and development and I received the 2009 U.S. Department of Energy

1 Management and Administration Award. I am on the Residential Ratepayers
2 Advisory Board of the Office of Consumer Advocate representing interests of
3 small business owners.

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5 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

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7 A To support the February 6, 2017 Settlement Agreement and to offer my opinion
8 that most, if not all, Concord Steam customers will have no other transition
9 alternative than Liberty.

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11 **Q. Why do you support the February 6, 2017 Settlement Agreement?**

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13 A. It serves the public interest by helping ensure an orderly transition for
14 downtown Concord, some relief for downtown Concord is only fair, an eligibility
15 requirement for Fund help is high-efficiency boilers, and transitioning to Liberty is
16 reasonable under the circumstances.

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18 **Q. Why is it reasonable to help Concord Steam customers transition to
19 Liberty?**

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21 A. In my opinion, based on my knowledge and experience in the energy field, I
22 think it is highly likely that most, if not all, of Concord Steam customers that need
23 to transition would find that non-Liberty alternative energy designs, from onsite
24 biomass installations, to geothermal heat pumps, to air source heat pumps, to solar
25 hot water heaters, cannot practically be completed by May 31, 2017.

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1 **Q. Does this complete your testimony?**

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3 A. Yes.