

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 19-057
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY
Petition for Permanent Increase to Distribution Rates

PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF ACADIA CENTER

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 26,256 dated June 7, 2019, New Hampshire Code Administrative Rules Puc 203.17, and in accordance with the standards of RSA 541-A:32, Acadia Center hereby submits this petition to intervene in the above-captioned docket ("Petition").

In support of its Petition, Acadia Center states the following:

1. On May 28, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed proposed new tariff pages seeking a \$69.9 million increase in its revenue requirement. This proposed new revenue comes from increased fixed customer charges, increased distribution rates, and the creation of a new, non-bypassable Distribution Rate Adjustment Mechanism.
2. Acadia Center is a non-profit, research and advocacy organization committed to advancing clean, competitive and environmentally sustainable economies in the Northeast. Since the organization's founding in 1998, Acadia Center has advocated for clean energy and utility reform in numerous state, regional, and national forums. The organization has been active in New Hampshire since 2010 on energy issues, on topics including energy efficiency, electric vehicles, energy storage, distributed generation, and grid modernization.
3. Acadia Center has participated in public utility dockets relating to electric rate design, notably in Massachusetts in D.P.U. 18-150, D.P.U. 17-05 and 15-155, in Connecticut Public Utility

Regulatory Authority Dockets No. 14-05-06 and No. 16-16-04, and in Rhode Island Public Utility Commission Dockets No. 4568, 4600, and 4770/4780.

4. Acadia Center has a history of active and beneficial participation in Commission proceedings. Acadia Center has been admitted as a party to numerous such proceedings, including those related to energy efficiency, net metering tariffs and grid modernization. Acadia Center is currently an active member in multiple working groups resulting from settlements in DE 17-136 and DE 16-576.
5. Acadia Center's interests in related dockets may be affected by the outcome of this case. Ongoing issues being resolved in IR 15-296, Investigation into Grid Modernization, and the pilots and studies established in the DE 16-576 settlement agreement, may have overlap with the Grid Transformation and Enablement Program proposed here. Issues related to decoupling and lost revenue are also part of the settlement Acadia Center is a party to under DE 15-137 and DE 16-576. Eversource expects the rate recovery mechanism under the Commission Staff's proposed Integrated Distribution Plan in IR 15-296 to be implemented as part of the DRAM. In addition, as described in the testimony of Witness Davis, Eversource proposes to recover lost base revenue associated with the installation of distributed generation as part of the DRAM. Acadia Center's extensive interests in these dockets could be damaged by exclusion from this docket.
6. Acadia Center requests the right to participate in all aspects of this case as a full intervenor, including presenting information requests, cross-examining witnesses, the presentation of supportive arguments orally and through briefs, and as it deems necessary, the presentation of testimony.
7. More specifically, Acadia Center intends to issue targeted information requests to Eversource, and perform limited cross-examination of witnesses to productively clarify the decisions faced by the Commission, and would not delay or make the proceeding unduly burdensome. Full participation of Acadia Center would be narrowly designed to aid the Commission in issuing a reasoned, fair, impartial, and timely decision in this proceeding.

8. WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing reasons, Acadia Center asks that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene.

Dated at Norwich, Vermont, this 18th day of June, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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