STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Before the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 10-188

2011-2012 Core Electric Energy Efficiency Programs and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

PETITION OF RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOICATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR INTERVENTION

The Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire (hereinafter RMANH) hereby respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter the Commission) for full party status in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31 (Supp. 1994) and NH Code Administrative Rule *PUC 203.01*. In support of its Petition for Intervention, RMANH states the following:

- 1. RMANH is a New Hampshire Trade Association representing retail, commercial businesses in New Hampshire.
- 2. RMANH is currently administering an energy efficiency program targeted at small and mid-size businesses in New Hampshire. This program has been in operation for more than two and a half years, and is currently funded through the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund (GHGERF). As a consequence of recent legislation, the GHGERF will be discontinued, and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction allowances dedicated to energy efficiency will be transferred to Core programs.
- 3. The issues raised in the Supplemental Order of Notice in this proceeding will impact the opportunity for those types and sizes of businesses currently enrolled in the RMANH program to potentially gain access to new Core program offerings. The RMANH is concerned that proper attention be given to connecting small and midsize businesses with any expanded Core energy conservation and efficiency opportunities.
- 4. Those involved in administering the RMANH Giving Power Back energy efficiency program, have developed a strong working knowledge of the needs, limitations and resource requirements for small and mid-size businesses to be successful in implementing energy efficiency programs, and we would hope to offer these insights at the proceeding.

- 5. The RMANH is located at 35A, South Main Street, in Concord, NH. We will be represented in this proceeding by James Monahan, Vice President of the Dupont Group, located at 114 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301.
- 6. Granting of the RMANH Petition for Intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.
- 7. Accordingly, RMANH requests the opportunity to participate as a full party in this proceeding exercising whatever rights are allowed by statute, rule and orders of the Commission. RMANH participation will not impair the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE RMANH respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene and such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,	
James Monahan, on behalf of RMANH	In me
Date: <u>07/23/12</u>	by
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Certificate of Services

I certify that on this date six copies of the foregoing was hand-delivered to PUC staff, as well as sent electronically to the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Utilities and the Service List for DE 10-188.

James Monahan

July 23, 2012