STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. DG 13-__

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CONTRACT WITH CATCH NEIGBORHOOD HOUSING

Concord Steam Corporation ("Concord Steam" or the "Company") hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission for authority, pursuant to RSA 378:18, to provide service to CATCH Neighborhood Housing ("Catch") pursuant to the terms of a special contract entered into by Concord Steam and Catch as of June 30, 2013. In support of this Petition, Concord Steam states as follows:

1. For over 30 years, Concord Steam has been providing retail steam service to the building located at 3 South Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire (the "Endicott Hotel"). This building consists of approximately 24 units of low-income residential housing and several commercial spaces that historically have been heated with steam and whose domestic hot water has been provided through retail steam service. The Company's customer has been the owner of the building, not the individual tenants of the apartments. Until recently, the building's commercial spaces were owned by Harry Shapiro & Son's.

2. In June of 2011, Harry Shapiro & Son's sold the Endicott Hotel commercial spaces to Catch Realty, LLC. In June of 2011 Concord Steam was approached by Mike Reed of Catch to discuss Catch's intention of a complete renovation of the Endicott Hotel including an upgrade of the commercial spaces and significant improvements to the apartments. On January 24, 2013, Concord Steam entered into a contract with Catch for the provision of retail steam

service to the Endicott Hotel effective June 30, 2013. This contract (Contract No. NHPUC 2) is being submitted contemporaneously with this Petition and includes a Statement of Special Circumstances in accordance with N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 1606.03(b).

3. As described in the prefiled testimony of Mark Saltsman, which accompanies this Petition, the Company has been working with Catch in an effort to continue steam service to the building for the foreseeable future. Mr. Saltsman's testimony also discusses the terms of the contract with Catch and the special circumstances that make it just and consistent with the public interest to the extent it varies from Concord Steam's tariff on file with the Commission.

4. For the reasons set forth in the Statement of Special Circumstances submitted with the Contract (which is hereby incorporated by reference) and in Mr. Saltsman's testimony, Concord Steam avers that special circumstances exist which render departure from the general schedules of Concord Steam just and consistent with the public interest.

5. Concord Steam respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the contract with Catch and allow Concord Steam to provide service to the Endicott Hotel in accordance with the terms of such contract.

WHEREFORE, Concord Steam Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Issue an Order *Nisi* approving Contract No. NHPUC 2;

B. Authorize Concord Steam to provide service to Catch at the Endicott Hotel in accordance with the terms of the contract; and

C. Grant such other and further relief as may be just and reasonable.

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Respectfully submitted,

CONCORD STEAM CORPORATION

By its VP and General Manager,

Date: May 15, 2013 By:

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition has been forwarded this $\underline{/6}$ day of May, 2013 to Meredith Hatfield, Consumer Advocate.

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