STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

before the

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE-15-248

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY 2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

OFFICE OF ENERGY AND PLANNING'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) and respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in the above-referenced proceeding, pursuant to Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32. In support of this petition, OEP states the following:

1. OEP is an Executive Branch agency charged with serving as the State's Energy Office and advising the Governor on matters pertaining to energy policy.

2. OEP has an ongoing interest in the issues cited by the Commission in its Order of Notices regarding PSNH's 2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan, including the utility's planning processes, demand side energy programs and "Smart Grid" activities.

3. OEP has been involved in energy efficiency and related proceedings and programs for many years, and in September 2014 released the State Energy Strategy, which includes several issues that utilities must address in their LCIRPs pursuant to RSA 378:38 et seq.

4. OEP's intervention is in the interest of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, OEP requests that the Commission grant this motion, allow OEP to intervene as a party in this proceeding, and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meredith A. Hatfield Director

<u>Certificate of Services</u>

I certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing was hand-delivered to the PUC and to the Office of Consumer Advocate, and was sent electronically to all parties on the Commission's Service List in DE 15-248.

August 4, 2015

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Meredith A. Hatfield Director