



# New England Ratepayers Association

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State of New Hampshire  
Public Utilities Commission  
Docket DE 16-693

## **NEW ENGLAND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION PETITION TO INTERVENE**

The New England Ratepayers Association (NERA) respectfully submits this Petition for Intervention in docket DE 16-693 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/ba EVERSOURCE ENERGY Petition for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement with Hydro Renewable Energy Inc. In support of this petition NERA states:

1. The New England Ratepayers Association is a non-profit, social welfare organization which advocates for the interests of ratepayers throughout New England. Our members are individuals and businesses in New Hampshire and the other five New England states who are concerned about the high costs of electricity in the region and its impact on our economy.
2. Since its inception NERA has been an active participant in many of the electricity policy debates in New Hampshire including: the SB 99 and SB 245 legislative processes; providing siting rules to the SEC; Renewable Portfolio Standards; Net Metering; and SB 170—legislation we proposed that protects ratepayers from predatory practices and was signed by the Governor in 2015.
3. It is important that an independent, non-profit organization which advocates on behalf of New Hampshire ratepayers participates in this proceeding.
4. NERA's participation in this docket is in the interest of justice and would not disrupt the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding. If granted intervention status, NERA will abide by the Commission's rules and procedural schedule developed in this docket and make every effort to work collaboratively with the Staff and other parties.

Therefore, NERA respectfully requests that we be granted full intervenor status for this proceeding. As an organization whose focus is on lowering electricity rates to New Hampshire families and businesses we look forward to participating in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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