State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

DE 12-262

2013-2014 Core Electric Energy Efficiency Programs and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

Petition for Intervention

Petitioner, the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, Inc., moves for leave to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Rule PUC 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I and states as follows:

- 1. Petitioner, the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, Inc., is a private nonprofit organization based in Concord, NH, and working statewide as a U.S. Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution.
- 2. Petitioner's primary representative will be Richard A. Minard, Jr., Vice President for Policy and Programs.
- 3. Petitioner operates programs that provide capital and education to New Hampshire's low- and moderate-income residents. Petitioner's loans have helped with the conversion of manufactured housing communities to resident-owned cooperatives. There are now 103 such cooperatives in New Hampshire and they are home to 5,600 households. Petitioner also offers single-family mortgages to these households and works with the cooperatives' board members to ensure the financial wellbeing of the communities and their residents.

- 4. Due to their low incomes, many of the co-op residents and mortgage borrowers from the Community Loan Fund are or may be eligible for and/or participate in the low-income CORE electric energy efficiency program and natural gas low-income energy efficiency program.
- 5. Petitioner is the administrator of a RGGI grant, leveraged with funds from the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program, and the State of New Hampshire's CORE energy efficiency program, to weatherize hundreds of manufactured homes in New Hampshire's resident-owned communities.
- 6. Petitioner has an interest in this proceeding, as a recipient of a RGGI grant for increasing the energy efficiency of low-income housing and as an advocate for the financial wellbeing of low-income households in New Hampshire.
- 7. Petitioner agrees to abide by the procedural schedule set by the Commission for this proceeding.
- 8. Petitioner seeks to intervene as a full party intervener in this proceeding.
- 9. The rights, duties, privileges and other substantial interest of the NH Community Loan Fund, Inc., and its borrowers may be affected by this proceeding.
- 10. Petitioner agrees to be bound by all protective orders with respect to treatment of confidential information and documents.
- 11. The granting of this Petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding, will not result in delay, and will not prejudice the interest of any party.

12. A draft petition for intervention was sent by email to all parties on the service list for this docket.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, Inc., with Richard A. Minard, Jr., as primary representative, requests that the Commission grant leave to intervene as a full party intervener in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: Oct. 25, 2012

Certificate of Service

I certify that on this date a copy of this petition was hand delivered to the Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate and sent electronically to the Commission, Consumer Advocate, the Utilities and all other persons on the Service List, DE 12-262.

Richard A. Minard, Jr. Representative for NH Community Loan Fund, Inc.

Date: Oct. 25 2012