

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**PETITION FOR AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO RSA 362-A:2-A, II
FOR A PURCHASE OF LEEPA OUTPUT BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

DE 15-068

Petition to Intervene of NhSolarGarden.com LLC

NOW COMES NhSolarGarden.com LLC ("NhSolar Garden"), a New Hampshire limited liability company, and, pursuant RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Admin. R. Rule Puc 203.17, and respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for intervention as a full party in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, NH Solar Garden states as follows:

1. The Commission opened this proceeding on April 7, 2015 with an Order of Notice stating, in part, that this proceeding will address "issues related to the interpretation of RSA 362-A:2-A, II under LEEPA, and the terms and conditions of agreements and arrangements pursuant to which the electrical output of the limited electrical energy producer will be sold to the end user and wheeled by the franchised electric distribution utility from the producer to the end user."

2. The statutory standards for intervention are set forth in RSA 541-A:32, I and II. First, a petition for intervention *must* be granted if the petitioner states facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding (or the petitioner qualifies under any provision of law) and the interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing intervention. *See* RSA 541-A:32, I(b) and (c). Second, the Commission *may* grant a petition to intervene "at any time, upon determining that such intervention would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly conduct of the proceedings." RSA 541-A:32, II. *See also* N.H. Admin. R. Puc 203.17 (requiring the Commission to grant one or more petitions to intervene in accordance with the standards of RSA 541-A:32).

3. NhSolarGarden is a developer of Community Solar Gardens in New Hampshire and due to a high adoption rate, it has seen a tremendous interest from the NH energy markets to buy locally generated, green power. NhSolarGarden has positioned itself to be

that source of local power. But with limited options to expand its business beyond the current group net metering caps, which are quickly being filled, potential customers will quickly find themselves with no options to buy local power to support the local economies.

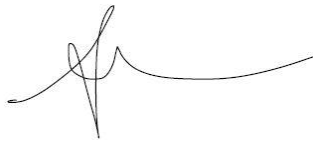
4. The Commission's authorization of the transaction at issue in this proceeding pursuant to RSA 362-A:2-A, II under LEEPA will allow smaller groups to come together and buy local power in scenarios where they do not have the space or infrastructure to allow for an onsite solar array to be built. Or in the case whereby they want to purchase a portion of the energy locally and continue with their past procurement methods, LEEPA will be that solution. In addition, this mechanism will allow for maximum savings to the energy customers that continue to be affected by volatile energy markets seen here in New Hampshire.

5. As the foregoing information demonstrates, NhSolarGarden has knowledge and experience that are likely to be of value to the Commission and other parties in this proceeding. NhSolarGarden's intervention will not impair the orderly conduct of this proceeding and, thus, granting this petition for intervention would be in the interest of justice.

6. The Petitioner in this proceeding has no objection to this petition for intervention.

WHEREFORE NhSolarGarden.com LLC respectfully requests that the Commission grant it full intervenor status in the proceeding and grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
NhSolarGarden.com LLC

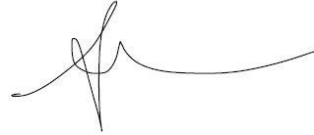


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition has on this 19th day of June, 2015 been either sent by electronic mail to persons listed on the Service List for this proceeding.

By:

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Andrew Kellar