

May 29, 2015

State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

DE 15-137

Gas and Electric Utilities Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

Petition for Intervention

The Community Development Finance Authority submits this Petition for Intervention in the above referenced docket, and states the following:

- 1. The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) was established by legislation in 1983 to address the issues of affordable housing and economic opportunity for low and moderate income New Hampshire residents. CDFA administers a state tax credit program and the Community Development Block Grant program for the State of New Hampshire. Total assets under management exceed \$25MM. CDFA is a quasi-government entity with a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor and incorporated as a non-profit organization.
- 2. CDFA's Clean Energy Fund was established in 2009 to provide financing and loan guarantees for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in NH. It is currently capitalized at over \$6MM and is a vital component of CDFA's mission to strengthen New Hampshire communities. Utilizing the Clean Energy Fund to finance reductions in long-term operational costs for properties that already have a heavy taxpayer investment (municipal facilities, senior centers, youth centers, affordable housing, etc.) is sound public policy and a vital component of CDFA's mission to strengthen New Hampshire communities.
- 3. CDFA has an interest in pursuing greater deployment resources to increase access to energy efficiency measures for businesses, non-profits, municipalities, and the low-and moderate-income community in NH. CDFA's position is that public/private partnerships such as its Clean Energy Fund will be crucial in order to finance the necessary energy efficiency investments necessary for utilities to meet a new Energy Efficiency Resource Standard.
- 4. CDFA's participation in the proceeding is in the interest of justice and will not disrupt the orderly conduct of this proceeding, or delay the proceedings.

The NH Community Development Finance Authority respectfully requests that it be granted full intervenor status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Caswell
Executive Director

Certificate of Services

I certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing was hand-delivered to the NH PUC and the Office of Consumer Advocate, and sent electronically to the Utilities and all other parties on the Service List in DE 14-238.

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