## State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

## IR 15-137

Electric and Natural Gas Utilities Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

## Petition for Intervention of The Way Home

Petitioner, The Way Home, petitions for leave to intervene in this proceeding, pursuant to PUC 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32, and states as follows:

- The Way Home is located at 214 Spruce Street, Manchester, New Hampshire
  03103 (ph.) 603-644-0180. The Executive Director of The Way Home is Mary Sliney.
  The Director of Housing Services is Dianne Pitts.
- 2. The Way Home is a non-profit Section 501 (c) (3) organization. The Way Home was incorporated in New Hampshire in 1989 and is registered with and in good standing with the Office of the Secretary of State. The Way Home is funded in part by the Heritage United Way and by other grants.
- 3. The Way Home is a commercial customer of Eversource and of Energy North Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities.
- 4. The mission of the Way Home is to help low income households obtain and retain safe, affordable housing and prevent homelessness in New Hampshire. The Way Home provides housing services to low income individuals and families in the Manchester area, including education, housing and budget counseling, security deposit guarantees, special grants to prevent homelessness, community advocacy, mediation services, and lead paint hazard reduction.

- 5. During the past 25 years over 5,000 families and individuals have been housed with the help of programs of The Way Home.
- 6. The Way Home also owns and provides transitional housing units for low income families. These units use electricity provided by Eversource and natural gas provided by Energy North/Liberty Utilities.
- 7. Due to their low incomes, clients of the Way Home are or may be eligible for and/or participate in the low income Core electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs.
- 8. The Way Home, clients of The Way Home, and families who reside in the transitional housing units of The Way Home have an interest in this proceeding and in how the establishment of an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) will affect the budget, design, and implementation of the low income electric and natural gas energy efficiency programs.
- 9. The rights, duties, privileges and other substantial interest of The Way Home and its clients may be affected by this proceeding.
  - 10. The Way Home seeks the status of full party intervenor in this proceeding.
- 11. The Way Home is currently a full party intervenor in DE 14-216, the 2015-16 Core Electric Energy Efficiency Program and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Program docket. The Way Home has been an intervenor in and party to other electric and natural gas dockets since 2006 pertaining to issues affecting low income electric and natural gas customers.
- 12. The granting of this petition will not impair the prompt and orderly conduct of this proceeding, will not result in delay, and will not prejudice the interest of any party.

13. The interests of justice will be promoted by allowing the intervention of The Way Home in this proceeding.

Wherefore, The Way Home requests that the Commission grant its request for leave to intervene as a full party intervenor in this proceeding and for such other relief as may be just.

Respectfully submitted, The Way Home

By Its Attorney New Hampshire Legal Assistance

05/29/15 Date

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## Certification of Service

I certify that on this date copies of this petition were hand delivered to the Commission and filed electronically, and copies were sent electronically to the Consumer Advocate and parties on the email list in this docket.

New Hampshire Legal Assistance

05/29/15 Date

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