

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 20-092

Electric & Gas Utilities

2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF ACADIA CENTER**

Pursuant to the Commission's Order of Notice dated December 13, 2017 (“Order of Notice”), N.H. Admin. Rules, Puc 203.17, and in accordance with the standards of RSA 541-A:32, Acadia Center hereby submits this petition to intervene in the above-captioned docket (“Petition”).

In support of its Petition, Acadia Center states the following:

1. Acadia Center is a non-profit, research and advocacy organization committed to advancing the clean energy future in the Northeast. Through research and advocacy, Acadia Center envisions a clean, low carbon economy focused on clean technology – not fossil fuels – to heat buildings, power transportation, and generate power. Acadia Center is pursuing reforms that encourage states to Make the Next Decade Count™ by aggressively phasing out fossil fuels and expanding clean energy to achieve necessary reductions in climate pollution by 2030. These actions will grow the region’s economy, create jobs, enhance public health, improve the quality of housing, and increase access to transportation.
2. Acadia Center has been active in New Hampshire and other northeastern states in researching and promoting consumer-friendly energy efficiency programs for residential, commercial, and industrial customers across all fuel types that reduce energy costs, increase energy efficiency, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and provide economic development opportunities. Acadia Center experts have researched and written about energy efficiency policies and programs.
3. Acadia Center has considerable experience and expertise in matters relating to New Hampshire energy efficiency and electric utility policy.
4. Acadia Center is a member of the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) Committee, which worked to develop the initial 2018-2020 plan. Acadia Center, as a Member of the EERS Committee, participates in Committee meetings and submitted written and oral comments on the NH Electric & Gas Utilities’ April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020 Draft 2021-2023 Plans. Acadia Center commented on multiple components of the draft plans, including energy savings, cost-effective energy efficiency programs, economic development, outreach, workforce development and training, weatherization, data tracking, active demand reduction, energy optimization, marketing and education, building codes, and others.

5. Acadia Center is a Member of the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC), which helps guide the development of state- and nation-leading energy efficiency plans by the Commonwealth's investor-owned gas and electric utilities and energy providers. The Council's priorities are to develop, implement, evaluate, and monitor the implementation of these plans and work to achieve energy efficiency savings and to maximize the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency.
6. Acadia Center is a Member of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board, a group of advisors who utilize their experience and expertise with energy issues to evaluate, advise, and assist the state's utility companies in developing and implementing comprehensive, cost-effective energy conservation and market transformation plans to help Connecticut consumers reduce energy use in their homes and businesses and to help the state meet its changing and growing energy needs.
7. Acadia Center is a Member of the Maine Climate Council, Buildings, Infrastructure, and Housing Working Group and developed and recommended policy and programmatic strategies related to building codes, energy efficient heating and cooling systems, weatherization and building envelopes, lead-by-example state energy programs, industrial energy efficiency, and grid modernization.
8. Acadia Center participates regularly in state Public Utility Commission dockets as a party and commenter related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, rate design and utility reform.
9. Collectively, Acadia Center's staff has a combined several decades of experience on the impact of consumer adoption of energy efficiency and clean energy technologies. As such, Acadia Center's participation in this proceeding is in the interests of justice.
10. Accordingly, Acadia Center's rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding. Allowing Acadia Center to intervene will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings as demonstrated by substantial contributions and participation in other dockets.

WHEREFORE, Acadia Center respectfully requests that it be granted full intervenor status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing petition has on this 9th day of September 2020 been sent by email to the service list in Docket No. DE 20-092.

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