

**BEFORE THE  
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTINUATION,            )**  
**EXPANSION, AND ENHANCEMENT OF                )** **DOCKET NO. 13-002-U**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY            )**  
**PROGRAMS IN ARKANSAS                            )**

**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

The Arkansas Advanced Energy Association, Inc. (“Petitioner” or “AAEA”) for its Petition to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-18-517 and Rule 3.04 of the Arkansas Public Service Commission’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, states as follows:

1. On January 4, 2013, the Arkansas Public Service Commission (“Commission”) opened this docket to “establish a process and a time line for the Arkansas Public Service Commission (‘Commission’) to resolve issues related to the development and implementation of the second three-year cycle of comprehensive utility energy efficiency (‘EE’) programs in Arkansas.” The Commission directed those seeking to intervene to file an appropriate motion to that effect.

2. Rule 3.04 of the Arkansas Public Service Commission’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure* provides that the Commission may authorize any person with an interest that may be directly affected by the Commission’s action to intervene within thirty days of a hearing if that person’s interest is not adequately represented by other parties.

3. The AAEA is a trade association of advanced energy companies in Arkansas, whose mission is to enhance Arkansas’ economy through the expansion of the state’s energy related workforce and manufacturing base. AAEA aims to achieve these ends through the

increased development and utilization of advanced energy technologies. The AAEA represents companies that manufacture or utilize renewable energy components, and educators, researchers, consultants and public officials who are focused on the development of advanced energy in Arkansas. These companies recognize the great potential to expand renewable energy generation in Arkansas and the substantial benefit to the state's economy that would accompany that expansion.

4. AAEA is an Arkansas mutual benefit corporation organized under the Arkansas Corporate Code to protect the interests of over 100 advanced energy companies operating in Arkansas representing approximately 12,000 to 15,000 jobs. The AAEA was formed in 2011 and now has 50 members, including renewable energy and energy efficiency companies; institutions engaged in research and development of advanced energy technologies, and individual economic and workforce developers. The AAEA is governed by a Board of Directors composed of advanced energy leaders from across the state of Arkansas.

5. As the Commission's invitation in Docket No. 13-002-U sets out in Order No. 1, "the utilities and other parties provide comment on the items discussed above and to propose improvements or modifications to the Commission's proposed enhanced collaborative approach to improving comprehensiveness, consistency, transparency, and uniformity in the design and implementation of energy efficiency programs." Because job creation and expansion of the advanced energy economy are at the heart of AAEA's mission, the Association needs to be heard in this important matter in order to assure that its members and others involved in advanced energy have an opportunity to present their case before the Commission. The AAEA's

perspective is unique and will not be adequately represented by other parties in this matter.

6. The Public Service Commission has recognized AAEA's role by allowing AAEA to intervene in other similar dockets.

7. AAEA wishes to participate fully in this proceeding.

8. Pursuant to Rule 2.03 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedures*, the following person should be included on the official service list in this proceeding and all communications concerning this matter should be addressed to the following:

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner AAEA requests that it be permitted to intervene as a party in this proceeding with all rights attendant thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Commission and will provide notice to all parties of record.

/s/ Nate Coulter

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