

**BEFORE THE  
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE )  
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION’S ) DOCKET NO. 12-060-R  
RULES CONCERNING METER AGGREGATION )  
AND COMBINED BILLING FOR )  
NET-METERING CUSTOMERS )**

**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 August 8, 2012, the Arkansas Public Service Commission (“Commission”) opened this docket “to consider whether Arkansas statutes authorize the Commission to establish rules under which customers may aggregate metering and/or billing for the purpose of promoting net-metering and whether such meter aggregation is in the public interest.” 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 is in its first year and currently has 31 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. AAEA members include FutureFuel Chemical Company; Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corp.; NextGen Illumination; Nordex USA, Inc.; Stones River Companies; Johnson Controls; BioEnergy Systems LLC; City of North Little Rock; HERS, Inc.; LGWI Energy; Clean Line Energy; CTS Group; Viridian USA; Infinite Enzymes; NORESKO; Silicon Solar Solutions; Arkansas Energy Sector Partnership; Schneider Electric; University of Arkansas Applied Sustainability Center and Harrison Energy Partners.

5. As the summary of the evidence in Docket No. 12-001-R set out in the Order No. 1 makes plain, any policymaking on rules to accommodate meter aggregation and/or combined billing has significant potential implications for the growth and development of renewable

energy in the state. 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. AAEA wishes to participate fully in this proceeding.

7. 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 using the ECF system, which shall send notification of such filing to all parties of record.

/s/ Nate Coulter

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