

BEFORE THE
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF A NOTICE OF)
INQUIRY REGARDING A RULEMAKING) DOCKET
FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING) NO. 06-004-R
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS)

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES ASSOCIATION INC.

Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association, Inc. (ACAAA) petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.04 of the Arkansas Public Service Commission rules of Practice and Procedure. In support of its petition, ACAAA states:

1. ACAAA is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas. ACAAA provides training, technical assistance, communications support, information, resource development, and advocacy for its 16 community action agency members. The agencies provide home weatherization and energy efficiency services to their low-income clients under the US Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The agencies also operate scores of opportunity, service, and support programs to help their low-income clients secure basic necessities and attain economic self-sufficiency. These programs include early childhood development, education, housing, nutrition, job training, transportation, utility assistance, financial literacy, and services to seniors. Last year alone, the agencies invested more than \$106 million in social programming in Arkansas, served 161,000 low-income clients, and employed almost 2,800 people.
2. ACAAA, its members, and low-income clients purchase and depend upon gas and electricity from Arkansas utilities. ACAAA, its members, and clients thus have an interest which will be directly affected by the Commission's action in this proceeding, which will directly impact the gas and electric energy efficiency services available to ACAAA members and clients.
3. This docket was established on January 12, 2006, when this Commission, in response to the high cost of energy, issued a Notice of Inquiry seeking information about the most appropriate ways to increase the use of energy efficiency and conservation measures to the benefit of all Arkansas customer classes. (Order #1.) The Commission conducted a workshop on February 21, 2006. ACAAA, among many others, submitted post-workshop Comments on March 24, 2006. On July 25, 2006, the Commission scheduled a

collaborative process to commence on August 28, 2006, and report to the Commission by October 13, 2006. (Order #4.)

4. ACAAA will not be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. No other party exclusively represents low-income interests in this proceeding. Other parties to this proceeding have interests that are adverse to those of low-income consumers.

5. ACAAA reserves its rights to be heard on each matter to be at issue in this proceeding which affects the costs, terms, or conditions of service to ACAAA, its members, and its clients. ACAAA wishes to participate in the collaborative process scheduled to commence on August 28, 2006.

6. ACAAA agencies implement the WAP in the service territories of each Arkansas gas and electric service territory. (In addition, WAP is delivered by one non-community-action-agency.) ACAAA's comments in Docket 06-004-R propose utility funding in order to coordinate utility energy efficiency programs with the WAP program and ACAAA agencies, for the benefit of ACAAA agency clients, a large fraction of whom live in substandard housing. The comments thus describe an appropriate start-up phase of a statewide energy efficiency program to serve those living in substandard housing. ACAAA intends to provide this Commission with additional information in its unique possession as to the appropriate ultimate size and scope of such a program in order to reduce the 14% and more of income that its low-income clients must devote to home energy.

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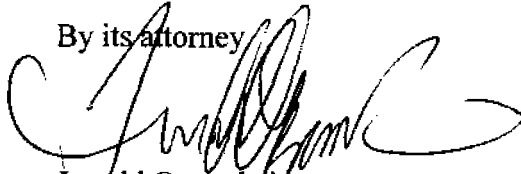
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WHEREFORE, ACAA respectfully petitions this Commission for leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding, and for all other appropriate relief.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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