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Docket No. 00-0182

**PETITION OF PEOPLES ENERGY SERVICES CORPORATION
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

To the Hearing Examiners:

Pursuant to 83 Illinois Administrative Code Section 200.200, Peoples Energy Services Corporation ("PE Services"), by one of its attorneys, Timothy P. Walsh, hereby petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in the above-entitled cause, and in support of this petition states as follows:

1. PE Services is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and is principally in the business of providing energy services to retail customers. This currently includes sales of electricity and of natural gas and natural gas management services to Illinois commercial and industrial end users. The Commission certified PE Services as an "alternative retail electric supplier" ("ARES"), as that term is defined in Section 16-102 of the Public Utilities Act, in Docket 99-0432 on September 14, 1999

2. The purpose of this proceeding is a rule-making to develop appropriate technical, managerial and financial qualifications for certification or meter service providers (MSPs) and standards of service for MSPs. In its initiating order the Commission found, *inferred*, that: A) it should take administrative notice of the Third Interim Order in Docket 99-0013, entered December 22, 1999, concluding that certification of MSPs is a necessary consequence of the decision to unbundle metering

services from delivery services; and, B) a Staff report dated February 18, 2000, recommended that a proceeding developing MSP certification should also include the development of standards of service. As an ARES, and a party to Docket 99-0013, PE Services has an interest in this proceeding, and its interest is not adequately represented by any party to this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, PE Services prays that the Commission grant it leave to intervene and to participate as a party in this proceeding.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 6th day of March 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the Petition of Peoples Energy Services Corporation, for Leave to Intervene by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail with first class postage affixed, addressed to each of the parties of record and the Hearing Examiner in Ill.C.C. Docket No. 00-0182

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