

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: Last Resort Service (LRS) Rate for  
Residential & Commercial Groups for period  
April 2026-September 2026 and for the Industrial  
Group for period April 2026-June 2026**

**DOCKET NO. 26-03-EL**

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE GEORGE WILEY CENTER THROUGH ITS  
COUNSEL THE RHODE ISLAND CENTER FOR JUSTICE**

The George Wiley Center, through its counsel the Rhode Island Center for Justice, hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceedings on behalf of low-income utility consumers pursuant to Rule 1.14 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”) (R.I. Code of Regulations, Title 810, Chapter 00, Subchapter 00, Part 1, Section 1.14). In addition, the George Wiley Center states the following:

**I. The George Wiley Center is an Appropriate Intervenor in this Docket**

The George Wiley Center is a grassroots, community-based organization comprised of low-income consumers and focused on advocacy for social and economic justice in our state. The George Wiley Center works in partnership with its counsel, the Rhode Island Center for Justice, a nonprofit public interest law center, to provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and families across the State relating to their rights as utility consumers. The George Wiley Center has been a leading voice advocating for the interests of low-income consumers, and in particular low-income utility consumers, in Rhode Island for more than forty years. Intervention in Commission proceedings is governed by Rule 1.14 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which states at Rule 1.14(B):

“Subject to the provisions of these rules, any person claiming a right to intervene or an interest of such nature that intervention is necessary or appropriate may intervene in any proceeding before the Commission. Such right or interest may be:

1. A right conferred by statute.
2. An interest which may be directly affected and which is not adequately represented by existing parties and as to which movants may be bound by the Commission’s action in the proceeding. (The following may have such an interest: consumers served by the applicant, defendant, or respondent; holders of securities of the applicant, defendant, or respondent.)
3. Any other interest of such nature that movant’s participation may be in the public interest.”

The rule further provides that “all timely motions to intervene not objected to by any party within ten (10) days of service of the motion for leave to intervene shall be deemed allowed.” Rule 1.14(E).

**II. The George Wiley Center has a Direct Interest in this Docket, has Participated in Prior Rate-Setting Dockets to Assert that Direct Interest, and Participation by the George Wiley Center is in the Public Interest.**

The George Wiley Center advocates for and works with low-income consumers, who will be directly affected by the proposed rates in this docket. The George Wiley Center works in partnership with its counsel, the Rhode Island Center for Justice, to facilitate legal representation of low-income consumers seeking to protect their rights as consumers. Additionally, the George Wiley Center conducts meetings and workshops with low-income utility consumers on a regular basis in order to remain fully informed about the lived experience of low-income consumers, particularly as it relates to their challenges in maintaining affordable utility services in the homes they own and rent. Economic impact on all customers, including low-income customers, is an important consideration for the PUC in reviewing the proposal within the instant docket. The George Wiley Center is uniquely capable of helping to inform issues of economic impact on low-income utility consumers based on its extensive work with its constituent population over the

course of several decades. Although other parties are also concerned with utility affordability, the George Wiley Center is the only party for whom that is the central concern of the organization and its members therefore this interest is not represented by existing parties in the same way it is by the George Wiley Center.

Additionally, the George Wiley Center participated, through counsel, without objection, in previous rate-setting matters. The instant docket is analogous with that previous participation. The George Wiley Center participated extensively throughout previous rate-setting dockets as such should be granted the ability to continue to advocate for the interests of low-income consumers within the instant docket.

In summary, the George Wiley Center would like to continue its advocacy on behalf of its constituent population with regards to the instant subject matter by being allowed to intervene in the instant related docket because (1) it is able to bring forward the rights and interests of low-income consumers directly affected by the proposed rates in this docket, which interests will not be adequately represented by other parties to the docket; (2) it is able to assert the perspectives and concerns of low-income consumers affected by the filings, (3) the inclusion of a voice for low-income consumers in this proceeding is in the public interest, and (4) it has been an active participant in discussions regarding rate-setting in several prior dockets. As such, the George Wiley Center's participation in the instant docket is appropriate under Rule 1.14(B)(2) and (3) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Accordingly, the George Wiley Center, through its counsel the Rhode Island Center for Justice, requests that the Commission grant its Motion to Intervene in Docket 26-03-EL, that it be granted status as a party in this proceeding, and that the Commission grant all other relief it deems just.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 24, 2026, I sent a true copy of this document by electronic mail to the parties in the Docket Service List as of February 24, 2026.