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**Re: REQUEST FOR FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Department of Energy Chapter En 700
Rules for Sewer Utilities**

Dear Mr. Kane:

Enclosed please find a Request for Fiscal Impact Statement regarding the En 700 rules entitled, "Rules for Sewer Utilities," of the Department of Energy (the Department). Also enclosed for your review is a copy of the Initial Proposal for adoption of Chapter En 700, as approved by the Commissioner of the Department on August 16, 2023.

The Department is adopting these new rules pursuant to its rulemaking authority over most issues related to sewer utilities under RSA 362, et seq., RSA 374:1, et seq., and 12-P:5, IV regarding "rules necessary to implement the specific statutes administered by the department."

The En 700 rules are substantially the same as the existing Puc 700 rules, reflect the creation of the Department under RSA 12-P:2,I, and effectuate the division of sewer utility service regulatory responsibilities between the Department and the Public Utilities Commission (the PUC) after consultation with the PUC. It is anticipated that the PUC will adopt new rules limited to its remaining responsibilities and based on its existing Puc 700 rules.

When you have completed the Fiscal Impact Statement, please notify the Department. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Andrew J. Harmon
Hearings Examiner

Enclosures
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