

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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March 18, 2024

Jared Chicoine, Commissioner
Department of Energy
21 S. Fruit St., Ste. 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Conditional Approval of Final Proposal 2023-205

Dear Commissioner Chicoine:

At its meeting on March 15, 2024, the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (Committee) voted, pursuant to RSA 541-A:13, V(a), to conditionally approve Final Proposal 2023-205 of the Department of Energy (Department) containing En 700 on rules for sewer utilities. The Committee's approval was conditioned on amending Final Proposal 2023-205 as specified in the Department's amended conditional approval request dated February 26, 2024, received by OLS on February 29, 2024.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:13, V(a), you are required to submit a written explanation detailing how the rules have been amended in accordance with the conditional approval within 30 days of the date on which it was made, which was March 15, 2024. In this instance, the 30th day is April 14, 2024, which falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to RSA 541-A:16, IV, the deadline will be extended to Monday, April 15, 2024. The explanation shall include a letter and the text of the entire final proposed rule, annotated to show the amendments.

The explanation shall be reviewed by the Office of Legislative Services to determine whether the rules have been amended in accordance with the conditional approval and RSA 541-A:13, V(a). If it is determined that the rules have not been amended in accordance with the conditional approval and RSA 541-A:13, V(a), the conditional approval will be deemed a Committee vote to make a preliminary objection as of the date of the conditional approval, and you must respond to the preliminary objection as specified in RSA 541-A:13, V(c).

Please be advised that you may not adopt the rules until the Office of Legislative Services sends written confirmation that your amendments are in accordance with the conditional approval and RSA 541-A:13, V(a).

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If you have any questions concerning the provisions of RSA 541-A relative to conditional approvals, objections, responses, or adoptions, please contact me at rebecca.ricard@leg.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Ricard
Committee Attorney

cc: Andrew Harmon, Esq., Hearing Examiner, Department of Energy
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