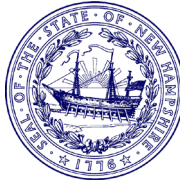


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**Re: REQUEST FOR FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Department of Energy Chapter En 400
Rules for Telephone Utilities**

Dear Mr. Kane:

Enclosed please find a Request for Fiscal Impact Statement regarding the En 400 rules entitled, "Rules for Telephone Utilities," of the Department of Energy (Department). Also enclosed for your review is a copy of the Initial Proposal for adoption of Chapter En 400, as approved by the Commissioner of the Department on February 9, 2024.

The Department is adopting these rules pursuant to its rulemaking authority under RSA 12-P:5, IV; RSA 365:1; RSA 362; RSA 374:1, :3, :4; RSA 374:22-g; RSA 374:22-p; RSA 374:59. The En 400 rules are substantially the same as the existing Puc 400 rules, reflect the creation of the Department under RSA 12-P:2,I, and effectuate the division of regulatory responsibilities between the Department and the Public Utilities Commission (the PUC) after consultation with the PUC.

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.

Sincerely,

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