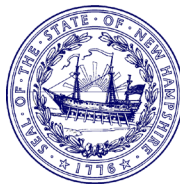


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**Re: REQUEST FOR FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Department of Energy Chapter En 500
Rules for Gas Service**

Dear Mr. Kane:

Enclosed please find a Request for Fiscal Impact Statement regarding the En 500 rules entitled, "Rules for Gas Service," of the Department of Energy (the Department). Also enclosed for your review is a copy of the Initial Proposal for adoption of Chapter En 500, as approved by the Commissioner of the Department on April 11, 2023.

The Department is adopting these new rules pursuant to its rulemaking authority over most issues related to gas service under RSA 362, et seq., 365:8, VII regarding "safe and reliable utility service," and 12-P:5, IV regarding rules "necessary to assure continuance or granting of federal funds" and regarding "rules necessary to implement the specific statutes administered by the department."

The En 500 rules are substantially the same as the existing Puc 500 rules, reflect the creation of the Department under RSA 12-P:2,I and effectuate the division of gas service regulatory responsibilities between the Department and the Public Utilities Commission (the PUC) after consultation with the PUC. In particular, the En 500 rules preserve the hearings process in the existing Puc 500 rules, but reflect that enforcement is the responsibility of the Department and hearings thereon are within the jurisdiction of 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,

/s/ Andrew J. Harmon

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Hearings Examiner

Enclosures