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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 94:6, the Public Utilities Commission respectfully requests authorization to establish an entrance salary of \$96,149.84, salary grade GG, Maximum, effective August 14, 2015, for Richard Head as Site Evaluation Committee Administrator, position #9U9938. Funding: 100% agency income.

EXPLANATION

The unclassified position of Site Evaluation Committee Administrator was created by the New Hampshire Legislature in 2014 as part of SB 245. The primary function of the position is to ensure that Committee certification proceedings are conducted in accordance with the provisions of RSA Ch. 162-H and New Hampshire's administrative procedures act. In addition, the SEC administrator is responsible for monitoring the construction or operation of any energy facility granted a certificate by the SEC to ensure that the terms and conditions of the certificate are met and to work with potential applicants.

Mr. Head graduated from the Indiana University School of Law, cum laude, in 1989 and was awarded a Master of Science in Environmental Science from that institution. In 2000, after spending 10 years in private practice, Mr. Head was employed as a compliance supervisor in the Wetlands Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. In 2001, he joined the New Hampshire Department of Justice. During his tenure with the Attorney General's office, Mr. Head has served in various capacities including Senior Assistant Attorney General and Bureau Chief, and garnered experience particularly relevant to the SEC Administrator position in the Environmental Protection and Consumer Protection Bureaus. Finally, Mr. Head's demeanor, communication skills and professionalism will be a significant asset to the Site Evaluation Committee as it reviews controversial siting projects.

Mr. Head possesses a unique combination of professional skill, technical expertise, and knowledge of administrative law. Accordingly, it is appropriate to set Mr. Head's entrance salary at the step requested above.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin P. Honigberg
Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee

Richard W. Head

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

2001 - Present: Held positions of Attorney (Environmental Protection Bureau); Assistant Attorney General (Environmental Protection Bureau); Senior Assistant Attorney General (Civil Bureau), Bureau Chief (Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau); Interim Bureau Chief (Environmental Protection Bureau; Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau); Director, Division of Legal Counsel; Associate Attorney General; Senior Assistant Attorney General (Civil Bureau)

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2000-2001: Compliance Supervisor, Wetlands Bureau

GETMAN, STACEY, TAMPOSI, SCHULTHESS & STEERE, P.A., BEDFORD, NH

1998-2000: Associate Attorney

MCGRATH LAW FIRM, P.A., CONCORD, NH

1996-1998: Associate Attorney

DEVINE, MILLIMET & BRANCH, P.A., MANCHESTER, NH

1990-1996: Associate Attorney
1989: Summer Law Clerk

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION V, CHICAGO, IL

1988: Summer Intern

BUNGER, ROBERTSON, KELLEY & STEGER, P.A., BLOOMINGTON, IN

1988-1989: Student Intern

EDUCATION

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, IN

1989: School of Law, JD, cum laude
Editorial Staff, Indiana Law Journal

1992: School of Public and Environmental Affairs ("SPEA"), Master of Science in Environmental Science ("MSES")

CLARK UNIVERSITY, WORCESTER, MA

1984: BA, Science, Technology and Society

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

New Hampshire Bar
Federal District Court, New Hampshire
First Circuit Court of Appeals

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HILLSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 2006-January 2013; December 2013-Present

NEW HAMPSHIRE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION - 1998-2000

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST