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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 94:3, I respectfully request that approval be granted to the Office of the Consumer Advocate to authorize a salary increment for Consumer Advocate Donald Maurice Kreis, Esq. (Position #9U945) from the current unclassified salary grade of FF, step 6 (\$95,450.16) as set forth in RSA 94:1-a, I(a) to salary grade FF, step 7 (\$100,159.28), an increase of \$4,709.12, effective January 18, 2019, upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100 percent Utilities Assessment and is available in account 02-81-81-812011-28160000-500126.

EXPLANATION

This request is forwarded for your consideration in accordance with RSA 94:3, which provides that the holder of any position referenced in RSA 94:1-a shall be eligible for an annual increase in salary. Pursuant to RSA 363:28, "the governor, with the advice and consent of the council," appoints the Consumer Advocate, a qualified New Hampshire attorney, to represent the interests of residential utility customers before the Public Utilities Commission and other tribunals. Consumer Advocate Kreis was appointed on February 10, 2016 with a wide range of experience and legal expertise concerning energy and utilities. As Consumer Advocate, Attorney Kreis plays a key role in ensuring that the Public Utilities Commission balances the interests of ratepayers and utilities, protecting consumers and ensuring that families and businesses receive safe, affordable and reliable utility services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pradip K. Chattopadhyay".

Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
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