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

Your Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 94:1-a, respectfully request that approval be granted to the Public Utilities Commission to authorize a salary increment of \$5,894.72 to Commissioner Kathryn M. Bailey, (Position #9U140) effective upon the date of Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% Utilities Assessment and is available in account 02-81-81-810010-28120000-501096.

EXPLANATION

This request is forwarded for your consideration in accordance with RSA 94:3, which provides that "upon recommendation of the appointing authority, the holder of any position mentioned in RSA 94:1-a shall be entitled to an annual increase in salary." Pursuant to RSA 363:3, "the governor, with the advice and consent of the council," appoint commissioners to the Public Utilities Commission. Commissioner Bailey was appointed on July 24, 2015 and has not received an annual salary increase since being appointed. As a Commissioner, she has applied her extensive telecommunications regulatory experience to the other industries within the Commission's jurisdiction to benefit ratepayers and further our statutory and constitutional obligations.

The salary for Commissioner Bailey is set forth in RSA 94:1-a, I, Group JJ (\$89,629.28 to \$119,105.48). Commissioner Bailey's salary would increase from Step 4 (\$107,313.96) to Step 5 (\$113,208.68).

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman