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The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Public Utilities Commission to contract to perform a study of the site evaluation committee's organization, structure, and process. Effective upon Joint Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through March 31, 2014. 100% Other (PUC Renewable Energy Fund)

01-02-02-024010-65100000 FY 2014 State Energy Programs				
Source of Funds				
Class	Description	Current Appropriation w/FY13 Balance Forward	Increase (Decrease)	Modified Budget
000-404590	Federal Funds	383,263.78	0.00	383,263.78
001-403543	Transfers from Other Agencies	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
009-404060	Agency Income	2,231.37	0.00	2,231.37
Totals		385,495.15	200,000.00	585,495.15

Class	Description	Current Appropriation w/FY13 Balance Forward	Increase (Decrease)	Modified Budget
016-500141	Personal Services Non Class	47,500.00	0.00	47,500.00
020-500200	Current Expenses	800.00	0.00	800.00
026-500251	Organizational Dues	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
030-500310	Equipment New Replacement	1.00	0.00	1.00
039-500188	Telecommunications	750.00	0.00	750.00
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	137.00	0.00	137.00
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	4,988.00	0.00	4,988.00

049-500420	Transfer to Other State Agency	15,300.55	0.00	15,300.55
060-500601	Benefits	34,964.00	0.00	34,964.00
070-500704	In-State Travel Reimbursement	500.00	0.00	500.00
080-500719	Out-of-State Travel Reimbursement	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	269,054.60	0.00	269,054.60
103-502664	Contracts for Operational Services	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Totals		385,495.15	200,000.00	585,495.15

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 134) enacted on June 26, 2013, OEP is responsible for the study of the site evaluation committee's organization, structure, and process to better ensure that the review of energy facility applications serves the public good and provides clarity to potential energy project developers. As part of this study, OEP is responsible for the development of recommended regulatory criteria. In order to fulfill its responsibilities OEP will consult with the state energy committee, the house science, technology and energy committee, and contract with outside vendor(s). The funding authorized under Chapter 134:3 will be used to contract outside vendors and/or consultant(s) to conduct the study and the development of recommended regulatory criteria.

OEP did not anticipate at the time the FY14/15 budget was developed that it would receive these funds, and is therefore requesting that these funds be added to its budget now.

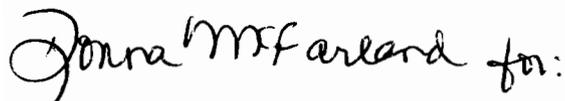
Funds are requested for the following purposes:

Class 103 - Contracts for Operational Services

To contract with an outside vendor to perform a study of the site evaluation committee's organization, structure, and process.

In the event that Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these programs.

Respectfully submitted,

 for:

Meredith A. Hatfield
Director

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Fiscal 09/13/13

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Enclosure

FISCAL SITUATION
 State Energy Programs
 010-002-6510-0000
 FY 2014

<u>Funding Information</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Fed Award Amount</u>	<u>Expended Thru FY13</u>	<u>Funding Authorization Remaining</u>	<u>Date of Notification</u>
SEP PY 13	R130472	07/01/12 - 06/30/13	254,000.00	221,436.18	32,563.82	06/29/12
SEP PY 14	DE-EE0006204	07/01/13 - 06/30/14	310,200.00	0.00	310,200.00	06/27/13
Competitive SEP -EERS	DE-EE0005463	09/30/11 - 03/31/14	379,330.00	128,947.99	250,382.01	12/07/12
SHOPP 12	DE-EI0000930	09/15/12 - 09/14/13	13,500.00	11,592.86	1,907.14	08/30/12
SB 99 Chapter 134			200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	06/26/13
Total			957,030.00	361,977.03	795,052.97	
Less: FY14 Budget Authorization					136,140.00	
Less: FY14 Balance Forward					249,355.15	
Less: SEP Grant in Org 6400					132,369.29	
Less: SEP Grant in Org 6570					4,609.26	
Less: SEP Grant in Org 7705					11,111.56	
Less: SHOPP Grant in Org 6400					3,717.16	
Available for Budgeting					257,750.55	
Requested Action					200,000.00	
Balance to be Budgeted at a later time					57,750.55	