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

## **Requested Action**

In accordance with RSA 94:6, New Appointments, the Site Evaluation Committee respectfully requests to place Andrew Biemer at Step 4 for the position of Site Evaluation Committee Administrator (Position# 9U683) unclassified salary grade GG, earning \$93,964.00 annually effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% General Funds.

## **Explanation**

The unclassified position of Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) Administrator was created by the General Court in 2014 to ensure that the SEC's certification proceedings are conducted in accordance with the relevant statutory and administrative requirements. The SEC Administrator has also been delegated the responsibility for monitoring the construction or operation of any energy facility granted a certificate by the SEC and ensuring that the terms and conditions of the said certificate are met. Additionally, the SEC Administrator is the agency's only employee and thus responsible for all coordination and engagement with state officials, parties to proceedings, and the interested public.

Mr. Biemer has extensive experience working on public policy in New Hampshire and has worked as the director of public affairs for the Taylor Group since 2011. During this time, he has collaborated with stakeholders and members of the legislature to enact reforms in the fields of land use, energy infrastructure, manufacturing, and labor regulations. Mr. Biemer has extensive experience in public communication and how to make the legal and administrative processes of the state readily understandable to stakeholders and the public. He is well versed in the administrative and legislative processes and New Hampshire's tradition of citizendriven democracy and, since 2018, has served on the State Juvenile Parole Board. His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and The Honorable Council Page 2

The SEC has been without an Administrator since September of 2020. The position requires a unique combination of administrative skills, policy area expertise, and public communication abilities. The SEC believes that Mr. Biemer possesses the correct combination of traits to ensure that, going forward, all parties before the SEC receive the very best in customer service the State Government can offer.

Respectfully submitted,

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