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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 Public Utilities Commission respectfully requests to place Pradip Chattopadhyay at Step 5 for the position of Senior Advisor (9U680), unclassified salary grade GG, earning \$99,112.00 annually, effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding is 100% agency income.

**Explanation**

Chapters 90 and 91 of the Laws of 2021 (the 2022 – 2023 State Budget) made significant changes to the organizational structure of utility regulation and energy policy of by the state government. The Public Utilities Commission, in its present incarnation, is now tasked solely with the oversight of regulated utilities. As part of the legislative mandate to separate regulatory and policy functions, many of the former employees of the Public Utilities Commission have been transferred to the Department of Energy.

Chapter 91, section 194 of the Laws of 2021 established six new unclassified Senior Advisor positions at the Public Utilities Commission. The Senior Advisors are appointed by the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission to advise the Utilities Commissioners on matters pertaining to engineering, economics, accounting, finance, or law.

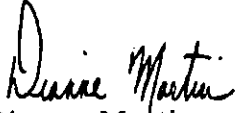
Mr. Chattopadhyay is an expert in the energy markets and has served in state classified service since 2014 at the Office of Consumer Advocate. He has a bachelor and master's from the University of Calcutta and Ph.D. from the University of Washington.

Mr. Chattopadhyay has accepted appointment as a Senior Advisor of the Public Utilities Commission. As a classified state employee his salary is \$95,979.00 annually. The Public Utilities Commission respectfully requests approval from the Governor and Council to compensate him at step 5 of the salary grade GG,

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\$99,112.00 annually, the closest step on the GG scale to his current salary, effective August 18. This position is entirely funded through the utilities assessment established by RSA 363-A:1.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Martin".

Dianne Martin  
Chairwoman  
Public Utilities Commission