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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 \$6,104.80 to Commissioner Michael S. Giaimo, (Position #9U140) effective August 24, 2018 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 Giaimo's one year anniversary is August 24, 2018. As a Commissioner, he has worked tirelessly to advance the State's interests in regional forums and has applied his knowledge of regional markets to benefit New Hampshire's ratepayers and further our constitutional and statutory obligations. He is serving as the Governor's appointee to a committee of the six New England states that is exploring ways the region can work together to bring down electric rates.

The salary for Commissioner Giaimo is set forth in RSA 94:1-a, I, Group JJ (\$92,794.00 to \$123,310.20). Commissioner Giaimo's salary would increase from Step 5 (\$117,205.40) to Step 6 (\$123,310.20).

Respectfully submitted.

Martin P. Honigberg

Chairman