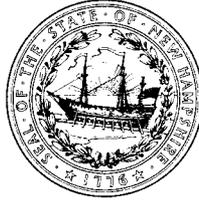


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August 12, 2015

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

Your Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requests authority to budget and expend the prior year balance forward funds in the Safety Division's Gas Pipeline Carriers accounting unit. The requested amount of \$15,000.00 will be used to fund travel and training required by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), effective upon Governor and Council approval through December 31, 2015. Funding is 100% Other Funds.

These funds should be budgeted as follows:

02-81-81-810510-28300000 Gas Pipeline Carriers				
SFY 2016				
Source of Funds				
Class	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Modified Budget
000-404260	Federal Funds	201,371.50		201,371.50
009-402218	Agency Income	86,304.00	15,000.00	101,304.00
Totals		287,675.50	15,000.00	302,675.50

Class	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Modified Budget
10-500100	Personal Services Perm Classified	106,589.00		106,589.00
12-500128	Personal Services Unclassified	46,906.00		46,906.00
20-500200	Current Expenses	4,237.50		4,237.50
26-500251	Organizational Dues	175.00		175.00
27-502799	Transfers to OIT	20,407.00		20,407.00

28-500292	Transfers to General Services	11,918.00		11,918.00
30-500311	Equipment New Replacement	125.00		125.00
39-500188	Telecommunications	2,387.50		2,387.50
40-500800	Indirect Costs	1,500.00		1,500.00
41-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	200.00		200.00
49-500294	Transfer to Other State Agen	6,962.00		6,962.00
57-500531	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	500.00		500.00
60-500601	Benefits	78,318.50		78,318.50
70-500704	In-State Travel	1,750.00		1,750.00
80-500710	Out-of-State Travel	5,700.00	15,000.00	20,700.00
Totals		287,675.50	15,000.00	302,675.50

EXPLANATION

The additional out-of-state travel is requested to meet the federal training requirements, the state pipeline inspection authority under House Bill 1224, and the requirements of grants received from PHMSA through December 31, 2015. Approximately seventy percent of the expenses of the Safety Division of the PUC are funded by PHMSA grants that support the Safety Division's Pipeline Safety, Integrity Management, One Call and Dig Safe programs. The amount of each grant award is determined by annual program audits by PHMSA of program requirements and benchmarks. The grants require that the Safety Division's three gas pipeline inspectors and one damage prevention specialist are trained and certified in accordance with federal requirements at the PHMSA training facility in Oklahoma. Approximately eighteen courses are needed for the Safety Division's staff to meet certification requirements in fiscal year 2016. In addition, the PHMSA base grant requires attendance of PUC staff at National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) national and regional meetings.

Accordingly, your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Martin P. Honigberg
Chairman

**Gas Pipeline Carriers
Fiscal Situation**

Fiscal Year	Grant Year	Expenditures	Grant Revenue	Pipeline Assessment Revenue	Balance Forward
2014-2015	01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	\$ 637,829	541,733	55,003	65,422
2015-2016	01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015				24,329

Note: Gas Pipeline Carriers does not lapse and year end closing instructions bring forward any balance in revenue class 009 - Agency Income.

SFY 2016 Balance Forward	24,329
Current Request	(15,000)
Remaining Balance Forward	9,329
Current SFY 16 Appropriation	287,675
Current Request	15,000
Adjusted SFY 16 Appropriation	302,675