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

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 \$5,896.80 to Chairman Martin P. Honigberg, (Position #9U138) effective 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 Honigberg was appointed as a Commissioner on December 20, 2013. He was subsequently appointed as the Chairman on December 3, 2014 and has not received an annual salary increase since that time. As the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, he not only serves as administrative head of the agency, but also as the presiding officer at Commission hearings. Since assuming duties as Chairman, he has successfully streamlined hearing procedures, improved case timelines and developed a reputation for being fair and open-minded in his conduct of hearings.

The salary for the Chairman is set forth in RSA 94:1-a, I, Group JJ (\$89,629.28 to \$119,105.48). His salary would increase from Step 5 (\$113,208.68) to Step 6 (\$119,105.48).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland,
Executive Director