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

Your Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) to accept and expend \$40,864 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (USDOT-PHMSA) for non-gas related work performed in the enforcement of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System effective upon Governor and Council approval through March 31, 2014. 100% Federal Funds.

These federal grant funds are to be budgeted in an existing account entitled One Call Grant Yr 01 as follows:

Fiscal Year Summary			
02-81-81-810510-74960000 One Call Grant Yr 01			
Class	Description	FY 14	TOTAL
20-500200	Current Expenses	0	0
40-500800	Indirect Costs	0	0
41-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	41	41
50-500109	Personnel Services -Part Time Salaries	28,323	28,323
60-500601	Benefits	12,500	12,500
80-500710	Out of State Travel	0	0
Totals:		40,864	40,864

Source of Funds			
Class	Description	FY 14	TOTAL
000-407735	One Call Grant Yr 01	40,864	40,864
Totals:		40,864	40,864

EXPLANATION

The statutory provisions for the Underground Utility Damage Prevention System, commonly referred to as DigSafe, are found in RSA 374:48 through RSA 374:56. The NHPUC, by Order No. 24,347 in Docket DM 04-119, authorized the Safety Division to administer and enforce the DigSafe program. The enforcement of New Hampshire laws pertaining to gas-related DigSafe violations currently is funded through a USDOT Natural Gas Pipeline Safety grant.

The NHPUC requests authorization to accept and expend \$40,864 in USDOT-PHMSA grant funds for non-gas DigSafe enforcement activities, i.e., related to telephone, cable, electric, water, steam, and sewer facilities and to budget the funds as follows:

- Class 040-500800 Indirect Costs will not be used in the One Call Grant. All recoverable indirect costs are budgeted in the base grant.
- Class 041-500801 Audit Set Aside Fund will be used to cover the 0.1% charge of the \$40,864 awarded in federal grant funds.
- Class 050-500109 Personnel Services – Part Time Salaries will be used to support the portion of salary costs for current staff associated with the non-gas DigSafe enforcement. No new employees will be hired.
- Class 060-500601 Benefits will be used to cover the benefits costs associated with the time spent on non-gas DigSafe enforcement.

In the event that Federal funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support these expenditures.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

2013 One Call Payment Agreement

Office: NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Priority	Project Title	Requested	GAC Amount	Actual Allocation
1	Enforcement of Existing Dig Safe Laws for NH (Non Gas) - Compliance Enforcement - Cost of enforcement and/or complaint investigations Compliance Enforcement - Cost of enforcement and/or complaint investigations	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$40,864.00
Project Totals		\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$40,864.00

Randall S. Knepper

Authorized Signature

6/25/13

Date

DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

Title