

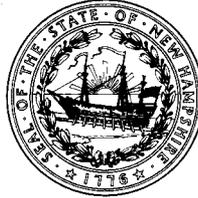
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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Honorable Councilors:

REQUESTED ACTION

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 \$21,650.00 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 June 30, 2015. Funding is 100% Other Funds.

These funds should be budgeted as follows:

02-81-81-810510-54540000 Gas Pipeline Carriers				
SFY2015				
Source of Funds				
Class	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Modified Budget
000-404260	Federal Funds	413,128		413,128
009-403292	Agency Income	177,061	21,650	198,711
Totals		590,189	21,650	611,839

Class	Description	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Modified Budget
10-500100	Personal Services Perm Classified	221,121		221,121
12-500128	Personal Services Unclassified	98,256		98,256
20-500200	Current Expenses	8,475		8,475
26-500251	Organizational Dues	350		350
27-502799	Transfers to OIT	40,814		40,814
28-500292	Transfers to General Services	23,836		23,836
30-500311	Equipment New Replacement	250		250

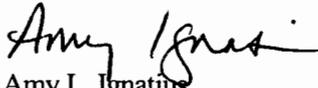
39-500188	Telecommunications	4,775		4,775
40-500800	Indirect Costs	3,000		3,000
41-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	400		400
49-500294	Transfer to Other State Agen	13,924		13,924
57-500531	Books, Periodicals, Subscriptions	1,000		1,000
60-500601	Benefits	159,088		159,088
70-500704	In-State Travel	3,500		3,500
80-500710	Out-of-State Travel	11,400	21,650	33,050
Totals		590,189	21,650	611,839

EXPLANATION

The additional out-of-state travel is requested to meet new federal training requirements, new state pipeline inspection authority under House Bill 1224, and the requirements of grants received from PHMSA. 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 thirteen courses are needed for the Safety Division's staff to meet certification requirements in fiscal year 2015. 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,


 Amy L. Ignatius
 Chairman

**Gas Pipeline Carriers
Fiscal Situation**

Fiscal Year	Grant Year	Expenditures	Grant Revenue	Pipeline Assessment Revenue	Balance Forward
2013-2014	01/01/2013 - 12/31/2013	243,937	378,409		
2013-2014	01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014	304,903		104,374	131,479
2014-2015	01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014				65,422

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

SFY 2015 Balance Forward	65,422
Current Request	(21,650)
Remaining Balance Forward	<u>43,772</u>
Current SFY 15 Appropriation	590,189
Current Request	21,650
Adjusted SFY 15 Appropriation	<u>611,839</u>