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June 19, 2015

Rep. Carol M. McGuire, Chair Sen. John Reagan, Vice-Chair Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules Office of Legislative Services Administrative Rules 25 Capitol Street, Room 219 Concord, NH 03301-6312

Re: Waiver of 45-Day Deadline for JLCAR Review of Final Proposal 2015-46

Dear Rep. McGuire and Sen. Reagan:

In response to the JLCAR's request of June 19, 2015, I have granted a waiver of the 45-day deadline under RSA 541-A:13, I for JLCAR action on Final Proposal 2015-46 of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) relative to the re-adoption with amendments of rules Puc 1800 on the N. H. Code for Energy Conservation in New Building Construction. The original deadline was July 10, 2015, and the new deadline will be July 20, 2015.

As provided by RSA 541-A:40, IV, as the Director of the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) I have the authority to waive, for good cause shown, any deadline contained in RSA 541-A after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JLCAR. Final Proposal 2015-46 was originally placed on the agenda for the JLCAR's regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2015, but was postponed at the PUC's request so that its staff could review the comments to the Final Proposal by JLCAR staff. The JLCAR therefore requested a waiver of its July 10 deadline to act on Final Proposal 2015-46 so that it could be on the agenda for the regular meeting on July 16, 2015 if necessary, although the JLCAR recessed on June 19 with Final Proposal 2015-46 postponed for the time being to the continued meeting on June 26, 2015.

The PUC staff had indicated to JLCAR staff prior to the meeting that the PUC consented to the waiver with a new deadline so that Final Proposal 2015-46 could be heard either on June 26 or July 19, but that the PUC staff preferred July 16. Absent a waiver, the Final Proposal would be considered automatically approved by the JLCAR after July 10 pursuant to RSA 541-A:13, II(e). In light of the circumstances above, I agree that good cause exists for waiving the 45-day deadline and hereby grant the waiver as requested, with a new deadline of July 20, 2015 so that the Final Proposal may be heard at the meetings on June 26 or July 16.

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If you have any questions in this regard, please contact legal staff in Administrative Rules at 271-3680.

Very truly yours,

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