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Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
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Re: IR15-296 Grid Modernization

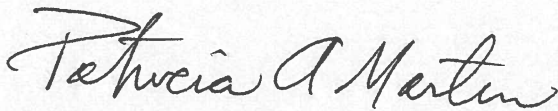
Dear Ms. Howland,

I am very interested in IR 15-296 and would like to participate as a member of the working group. I'm a retired electrical engineer with experience in portable computer design. I've also spent many years as a volunteer on energy committees, dating back to the 1970s. I would, of course, be participating as a ratepayer rather than an expert, but my deep interest in this subject is likely to guarantee that I'll be paying attention and willing to take on assignments. I am a past member of the IEEE Smart Grid Interest Group and plan to rejoin so that I can access research materials (whether or not I am selected to participate in the working group).

I realize that I don't represent any particular constituency and hope that won't be problematic for selecting me to participate?

Thank you for considering my request to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Martin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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