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Debra Howland, Executive Director  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. IR 15-296, Investigation into Grid Modernization

Dear Ms. Howland:

The NH Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) respectfully requests to participate in the Public Utilities Commission's Working Group on Grid Modernization. As the Commission recognized in its recent Order on Scope and Process, the State's 2014 10-year Energy Strategy<sup>1</sup> identified the need for a grid modernization docket and we are pleased that it is getting underway. OEP thanks the Commission for engaging expert assistance to ensure that this complex docket is successful.

As you know, OEP provided comments in this docket on September 17, 2015. We will not restate those comments, but we incorporate them by reference. Due to the interests and issues stated in those comments, OEP wishes to participate fully in this investigation, and we will work cooperatively with other parties to the extent possible.

OEP requests that the following OEP Staff members be allowed to participate in the Working Group, and subgroups if applicable. Please place the three names below on the service list as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/documents/energy-strategy.pdf>.