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March 20, 2013

Mr. Jeffry A. Pattison
Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant
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Room 102 State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: REQUEST FOR A FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Puc 600 - RULES FOR WATER SERVICE

Dear Mr. Pattison:

Attached please find a Request for Fiscal Impact Statement regarding Chapter Puc 600 rules entitled, "Rules for Water Service." A copy of the Commission-approved Initial Proposal for Puc 600 is attached for your review. The Commission is readopting its existing Puc 600 rules, without amendment. The current rules expire effective Monday, March 25, 2013.

When you have completed your Fiscal Impact Statements, please notify the Commission. Our fax number is (603) 271-4033. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (603) 271-2431.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. Brown".

Marcia A. Brown
Staff Attorney

Enclosures

APPENDIX II-B

**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT
REQUEST FOR FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FIS)**

FIS Number _____ Rule Number _____ **Puc 600**

1. Agency Name & Address: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301	2. RSA Authority:	RSA 365:8, XII
	3. Federal Authority:	
	4. Type of Action:	
	Adoption	
	Amendment	
	Repeal	
	Readoption	x
	Readoption w/amendment	
	Interim rule	
	5. Have the rules expired?	No
	Date Expired:	

6. Short Title: Puc 600 Rules for Water Service

7. Contact Person:

Name:	Marcia A. Brown	Title:	Staff Attorney
Address:	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	Phone #:	(603) 271-2431
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Remember:

- (a) A copy of the proposed rule or an annotated copy of the amended rule must accompany this form. The annotated copy shall use [brackets] to indicate deleted material, and underlining for added material, or any other annotation style allowed in Section 5.4 in Chapter 4 of the Drafting and Procedure Manual for Administrative Rules.
- (b) If calculations are required in the preparation of this request, attach a worksheet showing the methodology.
- (c) This form may be replicated to expedite preparation.
- (d) Please allow 10 working days from day of receipt for the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to complete the fiscal impact statement. Additional information about this form is in Section 2.3 in Chapter 3 of the Drafting and Procedure Manual for Administrative Rules.

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(e) Please provide the following information and attach additional sheets if necessary:

(1) Summarize the rule.

The Puc Chapter 600 rules govern the quality of water service provided by regulated water utilities, accuracy and testing of meters, type of service, type of equipment and facilities, reporting and record keeping, short term debt limits, safety issues, inspections, tariffs, and provide an expedited rate making mechanism for small water utilities.

(2) Is the cost associated with this rule mandated by the rule or by state statute? If the cost is mandated by statute, then the rule itself may not have a cost or benefit associated with it. Please state either the statute or chapter law that is instigating this rule.

There are no costs that are mandated by rule or State statute.

(3) Compare the cost of the proposed rule with the cost of the existing rule, if there is an existing rule.

There are no costs to the State as a result of the proposed rules or existing rules.

(4) Describe the costs and benefits to the state general fund which would result from this rule.

There is no change implicated by these rules to the state general fund; the Commission's expenses do not come out of the general fund.

(5) Explain and cite the federal mandate for the proposed rule, if there is such a mandate. How would the mandate affect state funds?

N/A

(6) Describe the cost and benefits to any state special fund which would result.

N/A

(7) Describe the costs and benefits to the political subdivisions of the state.

This rule is neutral as applied to political subdivisions of this State.

(8) Describe the costs and benefits to the citizens of the state.

There are no specific costs to citizens. Citizens benefit from the regulatory monitoring of water utilities.

(9) Describe the costs and benefits to any independently owned business, including a description of the specific reporting and recordkeeping requirements upon those employing fewer than 10 employees.

The changes to the rules will not change the level of reporting or other record keeping requirements already performed by independently owned businesses employing fewer than 10 employees.