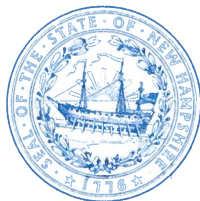


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RE: Investigation into Grid Modernization
Docket No. IR 15-296

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the directive in Order No. 25,877, issued in the above-referenced docket on April 1, 2016, please be advised that the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) wishes to take part in the Grid Modernization Working Group described in the Order. We filed a letter of participation in this docket on August 10, 2015 and intend to continue to represent the interests of residential utility customers in every aspect of the Commission's investigation. Please treat me as the lead representative of the OCA and Finance Director James Brennan as the alternate.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact our office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Kreis".

Donald M. Kreis
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service list via electronic mail