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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte,
and the Honorable Council
New Hampshire State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Energy to **retroactively** continue one full-time temporary 13-1190 Miscellaneous Business Operations Specialist-5, position #8T3376 SOC 13, Pay Band 7, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of December 13, 2025, through February 13, 2026. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

Funding is available in account Regulatory, as follows:

	<u>FY2026</u>
02-52-52-520710-18890000-050-500109 Part Time Salaries	\$12,933
02-52-52-520710-18890000-060-500601 Benefits	<u>\$5,573</u>
Total	<u>\$18,506</u>

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** due to administrative oversight.

This position provides critical support to the sustainable energy team and is integral to the work of the team. The position provides technical support and analysis for the processing of time sensitive registrations of renewable energy credits (RECs) and the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) generally. Additionally, this position is integrally involved in the work required to repromulgate three sets of rules, which must be accomplished in 2026: the separation of the Puc 900 into two rule sets, one reflecting the Department of Energy’s regulatory authority and one reflecting the Public Utilities Commission’s regulatory authority; the separation of the Puc 2500 rules into two rule sets, one reflecting the Department of Energy’s regulatory authority and one reflecting the Public Utilities Commission’s regulatory authority; and the development of a set of rules setting uniform procedures for the interconnection of a customer generator’s distributed energy resource as required by SB 391 (2024). With the recent retirement of a senior member of the sustainable energy team, continuing this position through February will help ensure this time sensitive and critical work moves forward.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. Chicoine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jared S. Chicoine
Commissioner