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Michael W. Kane
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RE: Request for Fiscal Impact Statement, Site 100

Dear Mr. Kane:

Attached please find a Request for Fiscal Impact Statement regarding Site 100, *Definitions*. A copy of the initial proposal as approved by the Site Evaluation Committee is also attached. The rules apply to the siting of high pressure gas pipelines and are required pursuant to authority set forth in RSA 162-H:10-b.

When you have completed the Fiscal Impact Statement, please notify Pamela Monroe, Administrator, as the contact person for the Committee. She can be reached at 271-2435 or via e-mail at pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Honigberg".

for Martin P. Honigberg
Chair
Site Evaluation Committee

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

FIS Number _____

Rule Number _____

Site **102.121, 102.161,
102.221**

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
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2. RSA Authority:

RSA 162-H:10-b

3. Federal Authority:

4. Type of Action:

Adoption

X

Amendment

Repeal

Readoption

Readoptionw/amendment

Interim rule

5. Have the rules expired?

Yes No

Date Expired:

6. Short Title: **High Pressure Natural Gas Pipeline Definitions**

7. Contact Person:

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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) Please provide the methodology and any calculations used in determining the fiscal impact. Where appropriate or necessary, please attach a worksheet detailing the methodology and associated calculations.
- (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:

NOTE: Pursuant to RSA 541-A:5, IV the fiscal impact of the proposed rule which was previously effective but has expired, or of a proposed rule which adopts a current agency policy, procedure or practice as a rule for the first time, shall not be assessed as an existing rule but as a proposed rule which is not yet effective.

- (1) Summarize the intended action and the proposed rule. The intended action is defined by RSA 541-A:5, VII as the proposed adoption, amendment, readoption, readoption with amendment, or repeal of a rule pursuant to RSA 541-A.

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) is proposing to adopt definitions of “blowdown event,” “compressor station,” and “high pressure gas pipeline.” These definitions are being proposed together with amendments to Site 301 to implement RSA 162-H:10-b,II, which requires the SEC to adopt rules relative to the siting of high pressure gas pipelines.

- (2) Is the cost associated with this intended action 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.

The cost associated with the intended action, if any, is mandated by the rule. The statute authorizing the proposed rules is RSA 162-H:10-b,II.

- (3) Compare the cost of the proposed rule with the cost of the existing rule, if there is an existing rule. Please provide the methodology and any calculations used in making your determination. If there is no cost, please explain why.

There is no existing rule for the proposed definitions. There is no cost associated with the proposed rules, as they only define terms used in the substantive rules in Site 301.

- (4) To the extent the proposed rule had expired, please indicate the cost of the expired rule as you do for a new rule, and if applicable, the difference in cost of any proposed change from the expired rule. Please provide the methodology and any calculations used in making your determination. If there is no cost, please explain why.

Not applicable.

- (5) Describe the costs and benefits to the state general fund which would result from this intended action.

The proposed rules would have no effect on the state general fund.

- (6) Explain and cite the federal mandate for the intended action, if there is such a mandate. How would the mandate affect state funds?

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There is no federal mandate for the intended action.

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

The intended action would not affect any state special fund.

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

The proposed rules are neutral as applied to political subdivisions of the State.

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

The proposed rules impose no costs on the citizens of the state, but would provide certain benefits by defining terms used in Site 301 that might not be understood otherwise.

- (10) 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 proposed rules do not impose any direct costs on independently owned businesses, except to the extent provided under or contemplated by the governing statute, RSA 162-H:10-b. The proposed rules would not change the level of reporting or other recordkeeping requirements already performed by independently owned businesses employing fewer than 10 employees.

Adopt Site 102.121, 102.161, and 102.221 to read as follows:

CHAPTER Site 100 ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

PART Site 102 DEFINITIONS

Site 102.121 “Blowdown event” means the automatic or manual venting of natural gas from a compressor or a section of pipeline taken off-line for maintenance or shutdown due to an emergency.

Site 102.161 “Compressor station” means a facility that mechanically re-pressurizes natural gas to keep the natural gas flowing continuously in a pipeline at a desired flow rate.

Site 102.221 “High pressure gas pipeline” means a transmission pipeline that transports natural gas or other flammable gases to and from compressor stations, to a distribution center, to a storage center, or to a large industrial customer, at a pressure greater than required to operate a distribution pipeline.