



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

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The Honorable Sharon M. Carson, Chairman
Executive Departments and Administration
Legislative Office Building, Room 100
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 25 relative to the Connecticut River Valley resource commission

Dear Senator Carson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 25, which would administratively attach the Connecticut River Valley resource commission (CRVRC) to the Department of Environmental Services (DES). DES supports this legislation.

DES and the CRVRC have worked extensively together over many years on numerous projects, such as the development of the local river corridor management plan for the Connecticut River Valley. This plan was completed in accordance with criteria established in the Rivers Management and Protection Program (RSA 483) which is administered by DES. SB25 will enhance the existing relationship between DES and the CRVRC on river management issues in the Connecticut River Valley by further formalizing this relationship. The CRVRC is currently administratively attached to the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) which also agrees that this change makes sense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call Steve Couture at 271-8801 or me at 271-2958.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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