



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

January 10, 2018

The Honorable Richard Barry
Chair, Science, Technology, and Energy Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 304
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1796, *An Act relative to the legislative oversight committee on electric utility restructuring*

Dear Chair Barry and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1796. This bill would rename the legislative oversight committee on electric utility restructuring as the legislative oversight committee to monitor the transformation of delivery of electric services. As clean renewable energy supports our mission of fostering a healthy environment, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports this bill.

Another bill, HB 1488, would establish a commission to study the public utilities commission's role and scope of duties in a deregulated environment. NHDES believes that the oversight committee could perform the study required by this bill. Perhaps, these two bills could be combined.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on HB 1796. Should you have further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact either Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director (michael.fitzgerald@des.nh.gov, 271-6390) or Joseph Fontaine, Technical Programs Manager (joseph.fontaine@des.nh.gov, 271-6794) of the Air Resources Division.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

cc: Sponsors of HB 1796: Representatives Backus and Richardson; Senator Feltes