

APPENDIX II-B

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

FIS Number _____ Rule Number _____ Puc 500 _____

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p>NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St Suite 10 Concord NH 03301-2429</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: RSA 369:3; 370:1-9; 374:2,5,8,13 &15; 374:48- 58; 374:7-a; 378:1; 365:8,VII; 362:4-b</p> <p>3. Federal Authority: 49 USC 5121, 60102, 6013- 6014,60117,60118 & 60126; 49 CFR 191,192,193, 198 & 199</p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption _____</p> <p>Amendment _____</p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment <u> X </u></p>
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5. Short Title: **Rules for Gas Service**

6. 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) If calculations are required in the preparation of this request, attach a worksheet showing the methodology.
- (c) This form may be replicated to expedite preparation.
- (d) A transmittal memo shall accompany a request for a fiscal impact statement, noting the number of requests being sent and short titles.
- (e) 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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(f) Please provide the following information and attach additional sheets if necessary:

(1) Summarize the rule. **These rules establish requirements for the operation of gas utilities, including gas pipeline safety requirements. The proposal represents an adoption of current rules with amendment. The proposal amends the existing rule by allowing meters to be tested by sample; bringing the rules in alignment with the federal standards for the transportation of gas by pipeline; streamlining and eliminating some reporting requirements, and adding some reporting requirements based on the issues that have been brought to the Commission's attention in recent dockets. In addition, the proposal strengthens regulation of liquid petroleum gas (LPG) operations.**

(2) Is the cost associated with this rule 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.

Not applicable.

(3) Compare the cost of the proposed rule with the cost of the existing rule, if there is an existing rule.

There may be additional costs incurred by the LPG operators as a result of the new reporting requirements applicable to them. Otherwise it is expected that the costs of compliance with the rules would not change from the existing rule.

(4) Describe the costs and benefits to the state general fund which would result from this rule.

Not Applicable.

(5) Explain and cite the federal mandate for the proposed rule, if there is such a mandate. How would the mandate affect state funds?

As previously stated, changes were made to the section governing the transportation of gas by pipeline to conform with federal standards. While conformance with federal standards is not mandated per se, the Commission would lose certification to enforce federal regulations if the rules did not conform. If the Commission lost certification, it would also lose the \$50,000 federal grant that accompanies certification, and the Commission would have to assess utilities to fund the program.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

These rules do not incur costs to the citizens of the state. Citizens benefit from the continued regulation of gas utilities and the operation of gas pipelines.

- (9) 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.

Not applicable.