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Ms. Debora Howland
Executive Director
NH public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street – Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



Dear Director Howland,

I am writing to you today to urge you to honor the request of the Dover Mills Partnership to grant a waiver of the PUC's Master Metering rule #303.02 to allow the installation of one meter socket for the apartments at the **Cocheco Falls Mill** complex. I am told this approach is the only one that is viable for the building owner to provide energy efficient electricity, heat and hot water to this 120 unit apartment development in the heart of downtown Dover.

This mill and the adjacent Washington Street Mill, also owned by the Dover Mills Partnership, are the economic anchors for an increasingly vibrant Dover downtown core. It is critical to the continuing economic health of Dover that this project succeeds, is energy efficient to allow that success, and is allowed to utilize the only viable engineered solution to service the apartment units currently being built in the mill.

Historically, when this mill complex enjoyed a high level of occupancy, downtown Dover prospered. When the Mill occupancy shrunk, the downtown economy contracted, jobs were lost and retailers went out of business. It is clear that the occupants of 120 apartment units in this mill will make a tangible and significant contribution to the Dover economy and to the economic health of the Dover core. This waiver will allow a viable and efficient way forward for this important Dover development.

Thank you for your consideration of the waiver request.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Barufaldi
Director of Economic Development

cc: G. Spitzer
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