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Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 15-B)

Type or Print all Information Clearly:

Name: Clifton C. Below Work Phone No. 603-271-2290

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Office/Appointment/Employment held: Commissioner

List the full name, post office address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of the source of any reportable honorarium or expense reimbursement. When the source is a corporation or other entity, the name and work address of the person representing the corporation or entity in making the honorarium or expense reimbursement must be provided in addition to the name of the corporation or entity.

Source of Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement:

Name of source: National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC)

Post Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Non-profit association to which NHPUC pays member dues

Principal Place of Business: 1101 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

If source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: NARUC with support of U.S. Dept. of Energy grant

Name of Corporate/Entity Representative: Julia Friedman or Sheryl Herrod-Jeter

Work Address of Representative: 1101 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

Value of Honorarium: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ *If exact value is unknown, provide an estimate of the value of the gift or honorarium and identify the value as an estimate.*  Exact  Estimate

Value of Expense Reimbursement: \$499.06 Date Received: 01-05-07 *A copy of the agenda or an equivalent document must be attached to this filing.*  Exact  Estimate

Briefly describe the service or event this Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement relates to:  
Travel subsidy for "Critical Infrastructure Protection Training" and ~~"Natural Gas Supply: Outlook, Threats, and State Policies"~~ held November 12, 2006 in Miami, FL.

"I have read RSA 15-B and hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Clifton C. Below  
Signature of Filer

4/11/07  
Date Filed

5/06  
**RSA 15-B:9 Penalty.** Any person who knowingly fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or knowingly files a false report shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
**Return to:** Secretary of State's Office, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301



N A R U C  
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

November 1, 2006

Dear NARUC Members,

**RE: Travel subsidy for “Critical Infrastructure Protection Training” and “Natural Gas Supply: Outlook, Threats, and State Policies” to be held on November 12, 2006 in Miami, FL.**

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On behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners I would like to thank you for your interest in participating in the two Ad Hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure Sessions at the Annual Convention.

The Critical Infrastructure Protection Training session will review the commissions’ role in various aspects of CIP including the implementation of the Energy Assurance Guidelines, handling sensitive information, cost recovery, regional coordination, and interdependencies between electric, gas, water, and telecom systems.

The Joint Critical Infrastructure and Gas Committee session will address expectations for the level of natural gas sufficiency during the upcoming winter season and natural gas supply disruption ramifications and potential solutions. Additional topics will include an analysis of the Department of Energy’s Natural Gas Disruption Study as well as a demonstration of the “Mapping the Impact of Gas Supply Disruption” online tool that has been developed by NARUC.

The sessions will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup> in Miami, FL at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel. The two sessions will be from 8:30 – 10:00am and from 10:00am – 1:00pm, respectively.

Travel and lodging subsidies are available to support your participation in each of these events. The travel subsidy for each will be available to reimburse expenses **up to \$500**. Participation in both sessions will make available a subsidy to reimburse expenses for an amount **up to \$1000**. The subsidy can be used to reimburse the following expenses only:

- **Transportation to the meeting** (Coach-class airfare, train fare or mileage for personal vehicle use at \$0.445 per mile),
- **Transportation at the meeting** (taxis, public transport, or car rental), and
- **Accommodations**, including up to four nights lodging (at the venue rate, plus taxes and fees).

Please notify me at [hbeller@naruc.org](mailto:hbeller@naruc.org) if you will be accepting the subsidy. **You must attend the entire Critical Infrastructure Training Session or the entire Joint Critical Infrastructure and Gas Committee Session in order to receive a subsidy of \$500. You must attend both sessions in their entirety to receive a subsidy of up to \$1000.**

For reimbursement, all expenses must be accompanied by receipts showing the expense incurred. Please also include the completed *Travel Reimbursement Form* and a copy of this letter. Expenses and reimbursement requests must be submitted within 30 days of the event.

Please send your reimbursement requests to:

Hailey Beller  
NARUC  
1101 Vermont Ave., NW  
Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20005

If you have questions regarding reimbursement, please visit our grants site at <http://www.naruc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=461>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [hbeller@naruc.org](mailto:hbeller@naruc.org) or 202-898-2212 if you have any other questions. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop and additional sessions.

Sincerely,

Hailey Beller  
Program Coordinator, Grants & Research  
NARUC

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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Hon. William M. Gardner,  
The Secretary of State  
State House, Room 204  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Secretary Gardner,

Enclosed please find a State of New Hampshire Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report filed on behalf of Chairman Thomas B. Getz and four reports filed on behalf of Commissioner Clifton C. Below.

Please be advised that two of the reports filed by Commissioner Below, concerning reimbursements received on December 7, 2006 and January 5, 2007, are being submitted outside the time frame specified by RSA 15-B:6. It is not clear that these two reimbursements are subject to the reporting requirements, a situation that also applies to Chairman Getz's report and another one of Commissioner Below's reports. All are being submitted at this time in an effort to approach the statutory requirements cautiously.

The four reports at issue concern the reimbursement of travel expenses by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) for attendance at programs sponsored by NARUC. These programs were underwritten, in part, by grants received by NARUC from the U.S. Department of Energy to encourage NARUC member participation in the sponsored programs. NARUC is a non-profit organization to which the NHPUC pays dues and the underwritten reimbursements were provided because the NHPUC is a dues paying member of NARUC and the commissioners attended the supported events.

The last sentence of RSA 15-B:5 explicitly excludes from the reimbursement reporting obligation "a prepayment, underwriting, or reimbursement made by an organization to which the state or county pays dues, when the prepayment, underwriting or reimbursement is provided because of the dues paid." Although Chairman Getz and Commissioner Below believe this exemption covers the four reports, they intend to seek an interpretative ruling or advisory

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opinion from the Executive Branch Ethics Committee with respect to this issue, pursuant to RSA 21-G:30.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-271-6006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Kreis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

Donald M. Kreis  
General Counsel

Encl.