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Governor Hassan to Nominate Donald Kreis as Consumer Advocate

CONCORD - Continuing her efforts to ensure that New Hampshire ratepayers' interests are protected and to build a more innovative and more affordable energy future, Governor Maggie Hassan today announced that she will nominate Donald M. Kreis as Consumer Advocate at tomorrow's Executive Council meeting.

Kreis was a recommendation of the Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board, which conducted a search to fill the position as charged by statute.

"The consumer advocate's office is a critical voice in informing the Public Utilities Commission's charge of balancing the interests of ratepayers and utilities, doing important work to protect consumers and ensuring that our families and businesses receive safe, affordable and reliable utility services," Governor Hassan said. "Donald Kreis has a wide range of experience and legal expertise on issues concerning energy and utilities that will serve him well in the Office of the Consumer Advocate, ensuring that the interests of New Hampshire's utility ratepayers are well represented."

Currently a Senior Energy Law Fellow at Vermont Law School's Institute for Energy and the Environment, Kreis – currently of Hartland, Vermont – is also the principal at the Law Office of Donald M. Kreis, providing legal and consulting services to cooperatives. He spent nearly a decade with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, serving as General Counsel and as a Hearings Examiner and Staff Attorney. He has also served in various capacities at the Vermont Public Service Board, the Vermont Supreme Court, the United States District Court in Portland, Maine, and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Kreis received his undergraduate degree from Middlebury College, his Master's from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and his law degree from the University of Maine Law School. He is also a graduate of the Leadership New Hampshire program and is admitted to the New Hampshire Bar.

"I am honored that Governor Hassan has entrusted me with this important responsibility, and I look forward to working with the Governor, legislators, other state agencies and the people of New Hampshire to represent the interests of New Hampshire ratepayers at the PUC and in other appropriate venues consistent with the law," Kreis said.

The nomination is subject to confirmation by the Executive Council. Governor Hassan will formally make the nomination to the Council at Wednesday's meeting.

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