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MEMORANDUM

To: House Energy and Technology Committee

From: Riley Allen, Deputy Commissioner

CC: James Porter, Public Advocate

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Subject: Response to Requests Concerning Contacts for Services with Larkin & Associates

This memo is the result of a request for follow-up information requested by the Committee during my testimony on March 23, 2017. During my testimony Rep. Laura Sibia asked a question about the nature of the process for retaining services with the Larkin & Associates for accounting and regulatory consulting services relative to the GMP alternative regulation plan. At the time, I indicated that I believed that services were provided as a result of a competitive solicitation for the services. I indicated that the award of the contract was through a competitive solicitation that I thought occurred annually, but could have been on a multi-year basis. I offered to check and clarify. On further investigation I learned that in 2012, there was an RFP issued for a scope of services that covered an audit of the base rate filing and the earnings sharing adjustments for the years 2013 to 2017. The contract was subsequently amended three times to include additional time (through 2018) and scope of services without further competitive solicitation. Future GMP rate cases and alternative regulation will rely on a new competitive solicitation.