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House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Filing Fees for Proposed Transmission Line Projects

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DION of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 148, §8, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **9. Filing fee; waiver of fee.** When a petition is filed under this section or section
5 3132-A, the person or persons involved shall pay to the commission an amount equal to
6 2/100 of 1% of the estimated cost to erect, rebuild or relocate the transmission line
7 provided except that, in the case of a petition filed under subsection 2, the fee is 4/100 of
8 1% or \$100,000, whichever is higher. The person may, at the time of the filing of notice
9 of its intent to file the petition, or, in the case of lines subject to subsection 2, at the time
10 of the filing of the petition, request the commission to waive all or a portion of the filing
11 fee. The commission shall rule on the request for waiver within 30 days.

12 Filing fees paid as required under this subsection must be segregated, apportioned and
13 expended by the commission for the purposes of this section. Any portion of the filing
14 fee that is received from any person and is not expended by the commission to process
15 the petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity must be returned to the
16 person.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill changes the fee for petitioning the Public Utilities Commission for approval
19 to erect a transmission line capable of being operated at 69 kilovolts or more from 4/100
20 of 1% of the cost to erect the line to 4/100 of 1% or \$100,000, whichever is higher. It
21 also requires a fee of 2/100 of 1% of the estimated cost of a transmission line and its
22 associated infrastructure capable of operating at less than 69 kilovolts and projected to
23 cost in excess of \$20,000,000 to be paid by a person petitioning the commission to build
24 such a line and infrastructure.