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February 5, 2018

The Honorable Sara Gideon
Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau
President of the Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Re: Quasi-Independent State Entity Report of
Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency

Dear Speaker Gideon and President Thibodeau:

DIRIGO, the Association of the state consumer and member owned utilities, formed the Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency (MMRECA) as a vehicle for promoting joint action among the state's seven consumer owned utilities. The officers of DIRIGO serve as the officers of MMRECA. The members of DIRIGO participating in MMRECA activities fund all costs of those activities. MMRECA receives no State funding. DIRIGO sees an inherent value in maintaining MMRECA even though it has not been active in the past years. The electric utility "business" was historically stagnant, but with the ever continuing changes that have taken place and that are likely to occur in the future, DIRIGO believes it needs all of the mechanisms available to it to meet any new challenges and be able to provide the best possible service to our consumer owners and members.

In compliance with 5 M.R.S.A. §12023 MMRECA provides the following response. The MMRECA did not adopt policies regarding vendor selection, contributions, and travel, meals & entertainment. MMRECA commits that it will put in place such policies prior to engaging in associated activities. MMRECA has not retained a lobbyist. MMRECA did not have any procurements and did not make any contributions.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Hallowell
MMRECA