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Right to Know Law

In answer to your recent memo submitted to this Office relating to the above subject, please be advised that the Commission's current policy of not sending copies of the Minutes of the Commission's meetings to persons who request same, does not violate the provisions of our "Right to Know" law.

The so-called "Right to Know" law is set forth in 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 and reads as follows:

"Every citizen of this State shall, during the regular business or meeting hours of all such bodies or agencies, and on the regular business premises of all such bodies or agencies, have the right to inspect all public records, including any minutes of meetings of such bodies or agencies as are required by law, and to make memoranda abstracts or photographic or photostatic copies of the records or minutes so inspected, except as otherwise specifically provided by statute."

The clear meaning of the above-quoted statutory language cannot be construed to mean that there is a duty imposed upon an agency to send copies of records or reports to persons requesting same.

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