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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
105TH LEGISLATURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 918, L. D. 1264,  
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Public Utility Transmission Lines."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting  
clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 35, § 13-A, additional. Title 35 of the  
Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 13-A to read  
as follows:

§ 13-A. Construction of transmission lines and generating facilities  
prohibited without prior order of the commission

When any electrical company or companies propose to erect  
within this State a permanently installed power generating facility  
of more than 1,000 kilowatts, or transmission lines carrying 125  
kilovolts or more, said company or companies shall file a petition  
with the commission on a form or forms to be prepared by the  
commission which shall contain such facts and details as the  
commission shall reasonably require. The petition shall be set  
down for public hearing.

In its order the commission shall make specific findings  
with regard to the need for such facilities and if the commission  
finds that a need exists, it shall issue a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity for the facilities proposed. If the  
commission orders or allows the erection of such facilities, such  
order shall be subject to all other provisions of law and the  
right of any other agency to approve said facilities.

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At any public hearing held by the commission as to the erection and construction of a transmission line, the electric company shall submit a map to the commission at least 14 days prior to such public hearing. Said map shall be available to the public at the offices of the commission and shall indicate the proposed location and route of such transmission line and a description of any planned equipment and facilities to be placed thereon. The commission may approve or disapprove all or portions of such proposed transmission line, and shall make such orders regarding its location, character, size, width installation, maintenance and appearance.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 38, § 484, amended. Section 484 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 571 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by inserting before the 4th paragraph from the end a new paragraph, to read as follows:

In case of a permanently installed power generating facility of more than 1,000 kilowatts or a transmission line carrying 125 kilovolts or more proposed to be erected within this State by an electrical company or companies, the proposed development, in addition to meeting the requirements of subsections 1 to 4, shall also have been approved by the Public Utilities Commission under Title 35, section 13-A.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 38, §488, amended. Section 488 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 571 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

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§ 488. Applicability

This subchapter shall not apply to any development in existence or in possession of applicable state or local licenses to operate or under construction on January 1, 1970 or to any development the construction and operation of which has been specifically authorized by the Legislature prior to the effective date hereof, or to public service corporation transmission lines except transmission lines carrying 125 kilovolts or more.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to place the construction and location of generating plants under the Public Utilities Commission and the Environmental Improvement Commission and similar responsibility for transmission lines carrying 125 kilovolts or more.

Reported by a Committee of Conference.

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