

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1746**

H. P. 1637

House of Representatives, January 2, 1980

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Require Public Utilities Commission Review of Proposed Construction Plans by Telephone, Electric and Gas Utilities.**

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

35 MRSA § 13 is amended to read:

**§ 13. Advance filing required for construction or improvement of utility facilities**

All ~~municipalities, persons, corporations and water districts~~ **water, gas, telephone and electric companies**, before commencing construction of ~~any new water system or any major~~ **a major new facility or a major** addition to or **major** alteration of an existing ~~water system~~ **facility**, shall file with the commission, in accordance with rules and regulations to be issued by it, and to the extent required by such rules and regulations, plans and specifications for such construction, additions or alteration for the advice of the commission as to cost, method of financing and adherence to proper engineering standards.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill adds the requirement that telephone, electric and gas utilities file plans and financial data with the Public Utilities Commission in advance of any major

construction project in the same manner that water companies presently do. Under current law, construction projects are often in progress at the time the commission is called upon to review applications for approval of the financing under Title 35, section 171.