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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "^A" to H.P. 216, L.D. 296, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over the Construction of Transmission Lines by Electric Utilities"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the anticipated filing of a petition for approval of the construction of a transmission line by Bangor Hydro-Electric Company; and

Whereas, the public interest would be better served by the application of the provisions of this legislation to that petition; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "carrying" and inserting in its place the underlined words 'operating at'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1-A in the 5th line (page 1, line 49 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "carrying" and inserting in its place the underlined words 'operating at'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the word "Whenever" and inserting in its place the following: 'Whenever Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3-A, whenever' and in

1 the 3rd line (page 2, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the word
2 "carrying" and inserting in its place the following: 'carrying
3 operating at'

5 Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 3-A in the
6 5th line (page 2, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined
7 word "carrying" and inserting in its place the underlined words
8 'operating at'

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10 Further amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 9 in the
11 4th line (page 3, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the word
12 "facility" the following: 'provided that in the case of a
13 petition filed under subsection 2, the fee shall be 4/100 of 1%'

15 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
16 statement of fact the following:

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18 'Sec. 6. 35-A MRS §3132, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

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20 12. Waiver of notice. The commission may waive any of the
21 notice requirements in this section in advance of filing.

23 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
24 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

27 **FISCAL NOTE**

29 The Public Utilities Commission will be able to absorb the
30 minor additional burden of additional approvals within the
31 existing budgeted resources.'

33 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

35 The amendment makes additional clarifications and minor
36 changes to the law governing prior approval by the Public
37 Utilities Commission of certain electric utility transmission
38 line construction projects as follows:

41 1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause in
42 order for the new requirements to be in effect for the next
43 transmission line projects.

45 2. The amendment replaces the word "carrying" to "operating
46 at" in 4 places to make clear that the regulations apply to the
47 designed capacity of the line and not what a utility may
48 initially decide to transmit over the line.

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