

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 585

House of Representatives, February 13, 2007

**An Act To Clarify Standards for Issuance of a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity**

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Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BLANCHARD of Old Town, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, FLETCHER of  
Winslow.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1862, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

3 **13. Large-scale projects for electric transmission lines.** The director may not  
4 grant a lease for a large-scale project for electric transmission lines unless the Public  
5 Utilities Commission has determined that the transmission lines operating at more than  
6 138 kilovolts will reduce the cost of electricity to state consumers.

7 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2-B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 506, §13, is  
8 amended to read:

9 **2-B. Standards for certain projects.** The commission may deny a certificate of  
10 public convenience and necessity for a transmission line capable of operating at 69  
11 kilovolts or more that is proposed to be financed, permitted, constructed, owned in whole  
12 or in part or operated by the Northern Maine Transmission Corporation pursuant to Title  
13 10, chapter 1003 or financed by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Title 10,  
14 section 1053, subsection 6, paragraph F upon a finding that the line is reasonably likely to  
15 adversely affect any transmission and distribution utility or its customers. The  
16 commission shall deny a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a  
17 transmission line capable of operating at more than 138 kilovolts that is proposed to  
18 occupy the submerged lands of the State unless the commission finds that the proposed  
19 transmission line will reduce the cost of electricity to state consumers.

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## SUMMARY

21 This bill prohibits large-scale projects for electronic transmission lines operating at  
22 more than 138 kilovolts unless it is determined by the Public Utilities Commission that  
23 the line will reduce the cost of electricity to state consumers.