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Minority
UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 816, L.D. 1098, Bill, "An Act To Promote Electricity Transmission Independence"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3204-A in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraphs A, B and C (page 1, lines 9 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. Will lower the costs of electricity to consumers in the State; and

B. Will not have a negative impact on the operation of the transmission system.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3204-A in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "approval" and inserting the following: "approval."

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3204-A in subsection 3 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "federal authority" the following: 'without seeking approval for the transmission line from the commission pursuant to section 3132 or'

SUMMARY

This is the minority report of the committee. The amendment makes 2 changes to the bill. First, it removes a direct reference to the public interest under the specific criteria that would allow the Public Utilities Commission to order a divestiture, relying instead on the requirement in current law that the commission considers the public interest in all of its actions. Second, it authorizes the commission to investigate and subsequently order a divestiture if a utility began construction of a transmission line without first seeking approval from the commission, not only after the utility was denied a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/20/07 *MAC*

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An Act To Promote Electricity Transmission Independence

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.