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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 126, L.D. 147, Bill, "An Act To Facilitate the Protection of Electric Utility Consumer Interests in Public Utility Commission Cases Involving the Construction, Rebuilding or Relocating of Transmission Lines"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§10-A is enacted to read:

10-A. Filing fee to Office of the Public Advocate. When a person pays a filing fee to the commission pursuant to subsection 9, the person shall, at the same time, pay to the Office of the Public Advocate an amount equal to 1/100 of 1% of the estimated cost to erect, rebuild or relocate the transmission line. The person may, at the time of the filing of the petition under this section, request the Office of the Public Advocate to waive all or a portion of the filing fee. The Office of the Public Advocate shall decide on the waiver request within 30 days.

Filing fees paid as required under this subsection must be segregated, apportioned and expended by the Office of the Public Advocate for the purposes of representing the interests of consumers in the proceeding before the commission or conducting public outreach to inform consumers about the proceeding. The Office of the Public Advocate shall return any portion of the filing fee that is not expended for these purposes to the person who paid the fee.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§10-B is enacted to read:

10-B. Office of the Public Advocate reporting requirement; repeal. No later than January 15, 2012, the Office of the Public Advocate shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters regarding filing fees collected pursuant to this section, including a detailed accounting of the amount of filing fees collected, the expenditures of the fees and the return of unexpended fees.

This subsection is repealed June 30, 2012.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes a fee of 1/100 of 1% of the cost to erect, rebuild or relocate transmission lines, payable by a utility company to the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA). The OPA will utilize these funds to represent the interests of the utility consumers in proceedings before the commission or conducting public outreach about a project. A provision allows the OPA to waive the fee. The OPA will submit a report to the Legislature detailing the accounting of the filing fees collected and expenditures. Due to the infrequency of applications, a base allocation of \$500 is established in anticipation of future projects. When actual projects come online the allocation will be increased by financial order.