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Majority

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 373, L.D. 529, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid"

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3144 is enacted to read:

§3144. Mitigation measures to protect from geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulse

Beginning December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the commission shall direct an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to submit to the commission a report detailing what steps, if any, the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility has taken to protect its bulk transmission systems from geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulse, including activities undertaken to meet any federal recommendations made to address geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulse. The commission shall require an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to include neutral direct current monitoring information from autotransformers where monitoring equipment is installed, collected by the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility. The commission, as part of its annual report pursuant to section 120 shall compile reports it has received pursuant to this section in the prior year and submit this information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and it strikes and replaces the bill. It requires an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to report to the Public Utilities Commission annually on its activities regarding protection from geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulse. It also requires an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to include in its report the Public Utilities Commission neutral direct current monitoring information from autotransformers where

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1 monitoring equipment is installed, collected by the investor-owned transmission and
2 distribution utility. This amendment requires that the commission compile the
3 information it receives and submit it as part of its annual report to the joint standing
4 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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An Act To Ensure Resiliency of the Maine Electrical Grid

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission to require transmission and distribution utilities to report annually on activities regarding protection from geomagnetic disturbances and electromagnetic pulses can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.