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Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT):

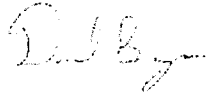
Pursuant to Resolve 2019, Chapter 77 (LD 1436 *Resolve, Directing Coordinated State Agencies To Engage with the Governing Leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited for Sustainability-centered Repurposing of Stranded and At-risk Infrastructure Assets in Maine*) the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Energy Office were directed to "engage directly with the executive and board leaderships of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited parent companies Suncor Energy, Shell Oil Company and Imperial Oil Limited to examine opportunities for repurposing the Portland-Montreal pipeline and related real estate holdings in the State, including consideration of a redevelopment strategy and revenue model acceptable to those companies' investors in accordance with the companies' own sustainability goals."

According to Portland Pipe Line Corporation and the Montreal Pipe Line Limited, "Portland-Montreal Pipe Line (PMPL) owns and operates a tanker unloading facility, two tank farms (South Portland, Maine and Montreal, Quebec) and a system of pump stations and crude oil pipelines that traverse 236 miles along a common right-of-way from the state of Maine to Quebec...Two pipelines (18 inch and 24 inch) and eight pump stations are operated out of the South Portland operations center, which moves the crude from the South Portland tank farm to Montreal."¹

The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) and the Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) reached out to Thomas Hardison, President and CEO of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited, requesting a meeting regarding this recently passed legislation, LD 1436. Thomas Hardison responded, stating "Since Portland Pipe Line Corporation is still in litigation with the City of South Portland, our attorneys have advised that until we have exhausted our legal options and are no longer in litigation we cannot discuss or comment on our business."

Given the current litigation status of Portland-Montreal Pipe Line and South Portland, the Governor's Energy Office and Department of Economic and Community Development were not able to pursue this matter any further at this time. When/if PMPL and South Portland are no longer in litigation and the opportunity for engagement and the concerns and opportunities expressed in Resolve 2019, Chapter 77 are still relevant, the GEO and DECD are willing to pursue this discussion, if further directed by the EUT Committee.

¹ Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited. (n.d.) *About Us*. Retrieved from <http://www.pmpl.com/about-us/>



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