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7. Requires transmission and distribution utilities, no later than December 31, 2023 and every three years thereafter, to prepare and file plans with the commission for addressing the expected effect of climate change on the utility's assets needed to transmit and distribute electricity to its customers;
8. Requires the commission to initiate a proceeding to identify priorities regarding a grid plan that will assist in the cost-effective transition to a clean, affordable and reliable electric grid. The commission must hold technical conferences or stakeholder workshops to identify priorities, assumptions, goals, methods and tools that will assist utilities in developing a grid plan. The commission must direct each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility with over 50,000 customers to submit a filing to address the priorities identified by the commission as well as additional elements identified in the law; and
9. Adds protections for utility contractors and employees of public utilities, competitive electricity providers, affiliated interests or utility contractors who testify before or provide information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate.

LD 1967 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 19 amends the charter of the Gray Water District to authorize the district to construct and maintain infrastructure in the Town of New Gloucester and to build a water main into and offer service in the Town of North Yarmouth along Gray Road. It also allows the district treasurer to deduct money from a trustee's total compensation for missed regular meetings.

LD 2016 Resolve, To Implement the Crisis Response Services Recommendations Identified Pursuant to Resolve 2021, Chapter 29

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 162 requires the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to convene a working group to develop policies and procedures to address the screening and transferring of crisis response services calls. The working group is required to determine appropriate procedures for delivering crisis response services. The bureau, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, must develop proposed legislation to implement the bureau's recommendations for the delivery of crisis response services. The bureau must allow the working group and affected persons and entities to provide comments on the proposal. The commission must submit a report no later than February 1, 2023, detailing the results of the working group's activities along with the proposed legislation, together with all comments received by the bureau, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

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jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The committee may report out related legislation to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

LD 2017 Resolve, Regarding Monitoring of and Reporting on Energy Use Data Standards and Online Energy Data Platforms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 179 directs the Governor’s Energy Office to monitor efforts undertaken in other states to improve energy use data standards and to implement multiple-use online energy data platforms. On or before February 28, 2023, the office must submit information regarding other states’ efforts and recommendations for how similar efforts could be undertaken in the State to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The committee may report out related legislation to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

The resolve also requires the Public Utilities Commission to issue a request for information to transmission and distribution utilities and natural gas utilities in the State related to whether each utility has the ability to map specific meters to specific buildings and whether the utility has the ability to export energy data in a specified format. By February 28, 2023, the commission must report the results of the request to the committee, and the committee may report out related legislation to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

LD 2033 An Act To Raise the Debt Limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 21 raises the debt limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District from \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000 and corrects an obsolete cross-reference within the district’s charter.

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 21 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2022.