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**Testimony Neither for nor Against
LD 1175, “An Act to Provide for the Review and Uniform Application of All
Transmission and Distribution Utility Rates”**

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Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology,

My name is William Harwood and I am the Public Advocate, here today to testify neither for nor against LD 1175, “An Act to Provide for the Review and Uniform Application of All Transmission and Distribution Utility Rates.”

Appreciating the good intentions of the sponsor, the OPA is struggling with the purpose of this legislation regarding customer-specific meter charges. It is our Office’s understanding that meter charges to customers do not vary based on the age of the meter.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of this testimony. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the Committee on LD 1175 and will be available for the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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