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 COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

June 19, 2013

Thomas L. Welch, Chairman  
 Public Utilities Commission  
 18 State House Station  
 Augusta, ME 04333-0018

RE: LD 950, *An Act to Establish the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act*

Dear Chairman Welch:

LD 950, *An Act to Establish the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act*, raised concerns regarding the safety of electromagnetic fields associated with transmission lines. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology voted to carry over the bill to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature and to send a letter requesting that your agency provide the committee with information regarding the potential health impacts of electromagnetic fields associated with transmission lines and additional information regarding the mitigation techniques proposed in the bill.

Specifically, the committee would find the following information useful in its deliberations:

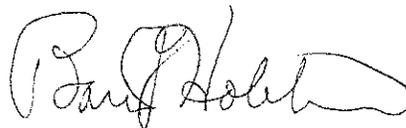
- Any information the Commission can provide regarding setback requirements for electric transmission lines in other states from residential homes, residential care facilities, hospitals, schools, licensed daycare facilities, playgrounds, youth centers, religious facilities and youth camps;
- A description of the implications of establishing a 300-foot setback requirement for these types of locations on the utilization of existing right of ways for transmission lines in this State; and
- A description of the current standards used by the commission when considering the health impacts of electromagnetic fields associated with transmission lines as well as specific references to support the use of those standards.

Please send this information to the committee by November 30, 2013.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
 John Cleveland  
 Senate Chair

  
 Barry Hobbins  
 House Chair