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TO: All Electric and Gas Utilities

FROM: Barbara R. Alexander, Director, Senior Consumer Assistance Division

SUBJECT: Disconnection Notices set for Monday, April 18, 1994

Chapter 81, Section 9(E) states: "The disconnection date stated in the notice must not be a Friday, weekend, legal holiday, the day before a legal holiday, or a day when the utility's office is not open for public business." Chapter 81, Section 10(A) states: "Disconnection cannot occur on a Friday, weekend, legal holiday, the day before a legal holiday, or a day when the utility is not open for business."

Monday, April 18, 1994 is Patriot's Day, a legal holiday in the State of Maine. 4 M.R.S.A. § 1051. No involuntary disconnections should occur on that date. Furthermore, any disconnection notices with a due date of April 18, 1994 are in violation of Chapter 81, Section 9(E), are invalid, and cannot be acted upon.

The CAD requests that any utility that sent out disconnection notices with a disconnection date of April 18, 1994 provide the following information in writing by Wednesday, April 27, 1994:

1. The number of disconnection notices that were issued with a disconnection date of Monday, April 18, 1994.

2. Written assurance that the company did not and will not act on notices with a disconnection date of April 18, 1994

3. Written assurance that the company will or has taken steps to prevent the issuance of illegal disconnection notices in the future, along with a description of what steps have been or will be taken to accomplish this.

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