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TO: All Electric and Gas Utilities

FROM: Betty Bero, bb Senior Consumer Assistance Specialist

RE: CAD Bulletin 96-1, Disconnection Notices

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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's office is not open for business."

Monday, April 15, 1996 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 15, 1996 are in violation of Chapter 81, Section 9(E), are invalid, and cannot be acted upon.

The CAD requests that utilities take steps to prevent the issuance of illegal disconnection notices.

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