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December 28, 2015

Honorable David C. Woodsome, Senate Chair  
Honorable Mark N. Dion, House Chair  
Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

**Re: PUC Report on the Status of Energy Cost Reduction Contracts**

Dear Senator Woodsome and Representative Dion:

During its 2013 session, the Legislature enacted The Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act (P.L. 2013, ch. 369, Part B). The Act authorized the Commission, in consultation with the Public Advocate and the Governor's Energy Office, to execute or direct one or more utilities to execute, consistent with specific pre-conditions, an "Energy Cost Reduction Contract" (ECRC) to procure capacity on a natural gas pipeline that would increase the flow of natural gas into New England. Section B-3 of the Act directs the Commission to report to the Committee on the status of ECRCs by December 31, 2015. The Act further provides that the Committee may submit legislation related to the report. Attached is the Commission's Report for the Committee's consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Vannoy, Chairman  
On behalf of the Chairman and  
Carlisle J. T. McLean, Commissioner  
R. Bruce Williamson, Commissioner  
Maine Public Utilities Commission

Attachment

cc: Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee Members  
Deirdre Schneider, Legislative Analyst