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Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology 132nd Maine Legislature Cross Building, Room 211 Augusta, ME 04333

RE: L.D. 810: An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines.

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and Members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee,

My name is Carole L. Getchell and I live in Corinth, Maine,

I am in opposition to LD 810.

The Legislature should NOT approve "An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines."

As you know, in 2023, passage of L.D. 924 ("Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program") blindsided municipalities, landowners, businesses, farms, and other stakeholders. The transmission corridor route was not transparent at the time of legislative voting, thus depriving stakeholders and abutters (myself included) of specific public comment prior to the legislative vote. As a result, there was public outcry, distrust, and new relevant municipal moratoriums and ordinances.

The same holds true for LD 810. The route and details are unknown, thereby creating the same scenario as in 2023 with passage of L.D. 924.

Respectfully submitted, Carole L. Getchell