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Testimony of the Maine Public Utilities Commission

Neither For Nor Against

**LD 1405, An Act to Amend Laws Governing the Public Utilities Commission
Concerning Participant Funding**

April 16, 2025

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology (Committee), my name is Deirdre Schneider, testifying neither for nor against the sponsor's amendment to LD 1405, An Act to Amend Laws Governing the Public Utilities Commission Concerning Participant Funding on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

The sponsor's amendment to LD 1405 limits the qualifications for an intervenor or participant in a Commission proceeding to an individual acting in a personal capacity rather than in a business or professional capacity. It also requires that the Commission, by rule specify the method to allow a group of individuals to seek and qualify for funding, as long as each individual is acting in a personal capacity rather than in a business or professional capacity.

While this proposal would limit the universe of entities that could qualify for intervenor or participant funding, this is ultimately a policy consideration for the Legislature to decide.

I would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information for the work session.