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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Cathy Breen, Senate Chair
Representative Teresa Pierce, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Mark Lawrence, Senate Chair *ML*
Representative Seth Berry, House Chair *SB*
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

DATE: March 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Biennial budget recommendations (LD 221, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023)

Pursuant to Joint Rule 314, on March 4, 2021, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT Committee) voted unanimously to approve the initiatives contained in Part A of the Governor’s Biennial Budget (LD 221) that fall within the policy jurisdiction of the EUT Committee with the following exceptions:

- ConnectMaine Authority, page A-95, Ref. #488 and #489 (page 1 of the report back document)– The EUT Committee voted 8-4 in favor these initiatives (In favor: Sens. Lawrence and Vitelli; and Reps. Berry, Cuddy, Grohoski, Kessler, Wood and Zeigler. In opposition: Sen. Stewart and Reps. Carlow, Foster and Wadsworth – those voting in opposition to these initiatives specified that the 10-cent surcharge instead be provided to the Public Utilities Commission to administer the Satellite-based Broadband Grant Fund – see the discussion in Part AA below and the attached amendment to Part AA); and
- Public Advocate, page A-203, Ref. #1006, #1007, #1008 and # 1009 (pages 9 & 10 of the report back document) - The EUT Committee voted 8-4 in favor these initiatives (In favor: Sens. Lawrence and Vitelli; and Reps. Berry, Cuddy, Grohoski, Kessler, Wood and Zeigler. In opposition: Sen. Stewart and Reps. Carlow, Foster and Wadsworth).

Part AA

In addition to the initiatives contained in Part A, the EUT Committee also voted 8-4 in favor of

Language Part, Part AA (In favor: Sens. Lawrence and Vitelli; and Reps. Berry, Cuddy, Grohoski, Kessler, Wood and Zeigler. In opposition: Sen. Stewart and Reps. Carlow, Foster and Wadsworth). Those four EUT Committee members voting in opposition to Language Part, Part AA offered an amendment to this part that would establish a satellite-based broadband grant fund. This amendment to Part AA would also result in a new initiative under the Public Utilities Commission's portion of the budget. (see attached for initiative information and amended Part AA language).

Public Utilities Commission – Headcount error

Lastly, on March 8, 2021, it was brought to our attention that there was an error on pages A-462 and A-464 related to the headcount for the Public Utilities Commission. The EUT Committee discussed this at its meeting on March 9, 2021, and understands “1” headcount needs to be added to correct the baseline and that no personal services funding is required. The EUT Committee voted unanimously to recommend correcting this error (10-0). We have highlighted below the changes needed to correct this headcount error.

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Public Utilities Commission

	<u>Actual</u> 2019-20	<u>Current</u> 2020-21	<u>Budgeted</u> 2021-22	<u>Budgeted</u> 2022-23
Department summary – All Funds				
Positions-LEGISLATIVE COUNT	66.500	66.500	65.500 66.500	65.500 66.500
Personal Services	8,355,774	8,711,779	8,949,272	9,245,347
All Other	13,440,000	11,819,862	11,820,386	11,820,386
Total	21,795,774	20,531,641	20,769,658	21,065,733

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Public Utilities Commission-Administrative Division 0184

	<u>Actual</u> 2019-20	<u>Current</u> 2020-21	<u>Budgeted</u> 2021-22	<u>Budgeted</u> 2022-23
Program Summary – Other Special				
Revenue Funds				
Positions-LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.500	57.500	56.500 57.500	56.500 57.500
Personal Services	7,360,551	7,705,510	7,916,853	8,195,325
All Other	6,891,216	5,269,083	5,269,083	5,269,083
Total	14,251,767	12,974,593	13,185,936	13,464,408

Please find attached related OFPR worksheets outlining the committee's recommendations regarding the specified biennial budget initiatives and the proposed amendment to Language Part, Part AA.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please let us know.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 Members, Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Minority amendment to the Public Utilities Commission's portion of the Biennial Budget and Part AA

If the amendment to Part AA below is included in the Biennial Budget, an initiative will need to be added to the Public Utilities Commission's portion of the budget to reflect the creation of the satellite-based broadband grant fund and the 10 cents per month per line or number surcharge levied on each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines; semipublic coin and public access lines; customers of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service; and customers of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is not prepaid wireless telecommunications service. This 10-cent surcharge would be instead of the 10-cent surcharge provided to the ConnectMaine Authority under Ref# 488 and Ref. #489.

Strike and replace Part AA with the following:

Sec. AA-1. 35-A MRSA §9219 is enacted to read:

§9219. Satellite-based broadband grants

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Applicant" means an individual that applies for a grant under this section.
- B. "Fund" means the Satellite-based Broadband Grant Fund established in subsection 2.
- C. "Satellite-based provider" means a broadband service provider that provides Internet access directly to consumers using satellite technology.

2. Fund established. The Satellite-based Broadband Grant Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund administered by the commission to provide grants to applicants in accordance with the purposes in subsection 3. All money in the fund must be continuously applied by the commission to carry out this section. The commission may receive and deposit in the fund funds from the following sources:

- A. Satellite-based broadband grant surcharges received pursuant to subsection 6
- B. Federal funds and awards that may be used for the purposes of this section; and
- C. Any other funds from public or private sources received in support of the purposes for which the fund is established.

3. Purpose of fund. The fund is established to address the need in the State for access to broadband services, particularly in the unserved or underserved areas of the State, by providing grants to eligible applicants for installation and other advance costs associated with the acquisition of broadband access from a satellite-based provider. To the extent funds are available, the fund must be used to provide grants to applicants meeting the requirements of subsection 4 and in accordance with the award criteria in subsection 5.

4. Grant requirements. An applicant for a grant under this section must submit an application to the commission on a form prepared and made available by the commission. The commission shall establish application requirements for grants under this section, which must include, but are not limited to:

- A. A requirement that grants be awarded only to individuals applying on behalf of a residential household and that grants may not be awarded to business entities;
- B. A requirement that an applicant may not have previously received a grant under the program;

C. A requirement that an applicant provide information regarding the satellite-based provider from which the applicant intends to acquire broadband access;

D. A requirement that an applicant provide documentation of the installation and other advance costs required by the satellite-based provider for the applicant to initially acquire broadband access;

E. A prohibition on the awarding of grants for broadband access costs not described in paragraph D, such as monthly service charges; and

F. A prohibition on the awarding of grants for broadband access costs associated with broadband providers that are not satellite-based providers.

5. Awarding of grants; additional criteria. To the extent funds are available and in accordance with this subsection, the commission shall award grants to applicants that have provided the required information under subsection 4 and meet any other eligibility criteria established by the commission.

A. The maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded to an applicant is \$500.

B. The commission may not award more than one grant under this section to the same residential household.

C. The commission shall prioritize the awarding of grants to applicants located in unserved or underserved areas of the State.

6. Satellite-based broadband grant surcharge. Beginning January 1, 2022, a satellite-based broadband grant surcharge of 10 cents per month per line or number is imposed in accordance with this subsection.

A. The surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines or numbers per customer billing account.

B. The surcharge must be collected on a monthly basis by each local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider and interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider from:

(1) Each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines;

(2) Each semipublic coin and public access line;

(3) Each customer of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service; and

(4) Each customer of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is not prepaid wireless telecommunications service, except that a surcharge may not be levied on a customer of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is supported by federal universal service support funds pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 54.

C. The surcharge collected pursuant to paragraph B must be shown separately as a statewide satellite-based broadband grant surcharge on the customer's bill.

D. The surcharge collected pursuant to paragraph B, must be remitted on a monthly basis and within one month of the month collected to the commission for deposit into the satellite-based broadband grant fund.

E. For the purposes of this subsection, the place of residence of a cellular or wireless telecommunications service customer must be determined according to the sourcing rules for mobile telecommunications services as set forth in Title 36, section 2556.

7. Collaboration with ConnectMaine Authority; technical assistance. At the request of the commission, the authority shall provide to the commission all information and assistance necessary for the administration of this section. The commission may provide technical assistance to applicants who request assistance with the grant application process under this section.

8. Rules; application procedure. The commission may adopt rules to implement this section, including rules governing the application process for grants under this section and rules governing

the satellite-based broadband grant surcharge. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

PART AA SUMMARY

This Part establishes a satellite-based broadband grant program, to be developed and administered by the Public Utilities Commission, to provide grants of up to \$500 to individuals for installation costs and other advance costs associated with the initial acquisition of broadband access from a satellite-based broadband provider. Under the program, grant priority is to be given to applicants from unserved or underserved areas of the State. This grant program is funded through a 10 cents per month per line or number surcharge levied on each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines; semipublic coin and public access lines; customers of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service; and customers of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is not prepaid wireless telecommunications service.

Sec. A-12. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CONNECTMAINE AUTHORITY

ConnectMaine Fund Z294

Initiative: Establishes allocation in the Other Special Revenue Funds to reflect anticipated revenues as a result of the ConnectME surcharge implemented in Public Law 2019, chapter 343, Part SSSS.

Ref. #: 488

Committee Vote: 8-4

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000

Justification:

Current income from the surcharge implemented on January 1, 2020 is approximately \$600,000 annually. Establishing an allocation in this amount will reflect the actual revenues received.

ConnectMaine Fund Z294

Initiative: Increases allocation to reflect the ConnectME surcharge implemented in Public Law 2019, chapter 343, Part SSSS.

Ref. #: 489

Committee Vote: 8-4

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$1,116,285	\$1,116,285
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,116,285	\$1,116,285

Justification:

This initiative increases allocation based on Public Law 2019, chapter 343, Part SSSS. The monthly 10 cent surcharge per line on residential and business telephone lines, coin and public access lines, cellular and wireless telecommunications services and customers of interconnected voice over internet protocol service was effective January 1, 2020.

CONNECTMAINE FUND Z294

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285

CONNECTMAINE AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2021-22

2022-23

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$1,716,285

\$1,716,285

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$1,716,285

\$1,716,285

Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Broadband Development Z245

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET 12-0

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$273,086	\$276,642	\$263,563	\$269,624
All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,341,086	\$1,344,642	\$1,331,563	\$1,337,624

OFFICE OF BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT Z245

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$273,086	\$276,642	\$263,563	\$269,624
All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,341,086	\$1,344,642	\$1,331,563	\$1,337,624

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,331,563	\$1,337,624
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,331,563	\$1,337,624

Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

Efficiency Maine Trust Z100

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET *12-0*

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$121,694	\$126,625	\$138,698	\$139,868
All Other	\$2,478,306	\$2,473,375	\$2,473,375	\$2,473,375
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,612,073	\$2,613,243

Efficiency Maine Trust Z100

Initiative: Reduces funding in All Other to align allocation with diminished natural gas assessment revenue.

Ref. #: 934

Committee Vote: *12-0*

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	(\$2,457,628)	(\$2,457,628)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,457,628)	(\$2,457,628)

Justification:

This initiative reduces allocation in All Other to align with revenues no longer received from natural gas assessments. Public Law 2019, chapter 313 authorized Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT), as separate entity, to assume collection of natural gas assessments revenue directly and presume the role of paying All Other expenses internally that historically was paid entirely by the State of Maine accounting system. This initiative reduces All Other allocation to match the revenue needed to pay All Other costs associated with one employee who opted to stay with the State and not become an employee of EMT. Personal Services allocation had been reduced in earlier legislation without reducing All Other. This initiative reduces the All Other line.

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST Z100

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$121,694	\$126,625	\$138,698	\$139,868
All Other	\$2,478,306	\$2,473,375	\$15,747	\$15,747
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$154,445	\$155,615

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2021-22

2022-23

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$154,445

\$155,615

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$154,445

\$155,615

Sec. A-26. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET **12-0**

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$448,378	\$467,165	\$447,096	\$467,595
All Other	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,318,942	\$2,337,729	\$2,317,660	\$2,338,159
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$17,957	\$18,697	\$16,110	\$16,831
All Other	\$241,493	\$242,233	\$242,233	\$242,233
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$259,450	\$260,930	\$258,343	\$259,064

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator II position previously established by Financial Order 000558 F0 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the position.

Ref. #: 1016

Committee Vote: 12-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$127,794	\$134,189
All Other	(\$127,794)	(\$134,189)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This initiative continues one limited period position that provides an analyst and advisor to the Director of the Governor's Energy Office (GEO). The analyst is a key member of the GEO and will provide support and analysis of data on a wide variety of energy topics.

**GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE Z122
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND				
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$127,794	\$134,189
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$172,206	\$165,811
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$448,378	\$467,165	\$447,096	\$467,595
All Other	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,318,942	\$2,337,729	\$2,317,660	\$2,338,159
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$17,957	\$18,697	\$16,110	\$16,831
All Other	\$241,493	\$242,233	\$242,233	\$242,233
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$259,450	\$260,930	\$258,343	\$259,064

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET 11-0

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,299,544	\$1,308,115	\$1,374,869	\$1,387,742
All Other	\$2,017,571	\$2,016,071	\$2,016,071	\$2,016,071
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,317,115	\$3,324,186	\$3,390,940	\$3,403,813

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Continues one Economic Analyst position previously continued by Financial Order 001055 F1 and makes the position permanent as authorized in the Title 35-A, section 1701, subsection 3. Also, provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 1006

Committee Vote: 8-4

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	\$32,025	\$31,918
All Other	\$536	\$534
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$32,561	\$32,452

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist I position to bring staffing level to 10 employees as authorized in Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 8 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 1007

Committee Vote: 8-4

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$82,662	\$86,626
All Other	\$1,384	\$1,450
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$84,046	\$88,076

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Provides funding for projected increases in operational expenditures.

Ref. #: 1008

Committee Vote: 8-4

AFA Vote: _____

	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$12,550	\$12,660

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,550	\$12,660
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Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with current revenue projections.

Ref. #: 1009

Committee Vote:

8-4

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2021-22	2022-23
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All Other

	\$150,000	\$150,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

	\$150,000	\$150,000
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**PUBLIC ADVOCATE 0410
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,299,544	\$1,308,115	\$1,489,556	\$1,506,286
All Other	\$2,017,571	\$2,016,071	\$2,180,541	\$2,180,715
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,317,115	\$3,324,186	\$3,670,097	\$3,687,001

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$300,000	\$300,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,317,660	\$2,338,159
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,928,440	\$3,946,065
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$6,546,100	\$6,584,224

Sec. A-59. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET 12-0

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$935,765	\$946,811	\$973,485	\$991,088
All Other	\$6,295,582	\$6,297,577	\$6,297,577	\$6,297,577
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,231,347	\$7,244,388	\$7,271,062	\$7,288,665

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION BUREAU 0994

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$935,765	\$946,811	\$973,485	\$991,088
All Other	\$6,295,582	\$6,297,577	\$6,297,577	\$6,297,577
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,231,347	\$7,244,388	\$7,271,062	\$7,288,665

Oversight and Evaluation Fund Z106

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET 12-0

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660

OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION FUND Z106

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET 12-0

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
Personal Services	\$59,458	\$59,458	\$58,934	\$58,934
All Other	\$542	\$542	\$1,066	\$1,066
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.500	57.500	56.500	56.500
Personal Services	\$7,360,551	\$7,705,510	\$7,916,853	\$8,195,325
All Other	\$6,891,216	\$5,269,083	\$5,269,083	\$5,269,083
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,251,767	\$12,974,593	\$13,185,936	\$13,464,408

**PUBLIC UTILITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION 0184
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
Personal Services	\$59,458	\$59,458	\$58,934	\$58,934
All Other	\$542	\$542	\$1,066	\$1,066
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.500	57.500	56.500	56.500
Personal Services	\$7,360,551	\$7,705,510	\$7,916,853	\$8,195,325
All Other	\$6,891,216	\$5,269,083	\$5,269,083	\$5,269,083
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,251,767	\$12,974,593	\$13,185,936	\$13,464,408

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$60,000	\$60,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$20,709,658	\$21,005,733
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$20,769,658	\$21,065,733

Sec. A-65. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL

Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund Z266

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET 12-0

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL FUND Z266

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2019-20	History 2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000

PART AA

Sec. AA-1. 35-A MRSA §9211 is amended to read:

2-A. Surcharge; collection. Beginning January 1, 2020, in addition to the assessment imposed pursuant to subsection 2, a ~~ConnectME~~ ConnectMaine surcharge of 10¢ per line or number is imposed. The assessment imposed pursuant to subsection 2 and the surcharge imposed pursuant to this subsection must be collected from the customer on a monthly basis by each communications service provider. Revenue must be deposited in the fund.

3. ConnectMaine fund surcharge; Beginning January 1, 2022, the ConnectMaine surcharge, of 10 cents per month per line imposed in subsection 2-A is levied on:

(1) Each residential and business telephone exchange line, including private branch exchange lines and Centrex lines;

(2) Semipublic coin and public access lines;

(3) Customers of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service; and

(4) Customers of cellular or wireless telecommunications service that is not prepaid wireless telecommunications service;

The Surcharge may not be imposed on more than 25 lines per customer billing the account. Revenue must be deposited in the fund.

~~3.4.~~ Explicit identification of assessment and surcharge on customer bills. A communications service provider assessed pursuant to subsection 2 may recover the amount of the assessment from the provider's customers. If a provider recovers the amount from its customers, it must explicitly identify the amount owed by a customer on the customer's bill and indicate that the funds are collected for use in the ConnectMaine Fund. Beginning January 1, 2020, the ConnectME surcharge imposed pursuant to subsection 2-A must be shown separately from the assessment imposed pursuant to subsection 2 as a statewide ConnectME surcharge on the customer's bill. Beginning January 1, 2022, the ConnectMaine surcharge imposed pursuant to subsection 2-A 3 must be shown separately from the assessment imposed pursuant to subsection 2 as a statewide ~~ConnectME~~-Broadband Access Fund surcharge on the customer's bill.

PART AA SUMMARY

This Part clarifies the new 10 cent ConnectMaine surcharge.

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