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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 535, L.D. 755, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Nontransmission Alternatives Investigations Required for Proposed Transmission Line Projects”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Nontransmission Alternatives Investigations Required for Proposed Transmission Lines and Projects'

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 309, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Construction of transmission line. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3-A, whenever any person proposes to erect within this State a transmission line capable of operating at 69 kilovolts or more, that person shall file a petition for the approval of the proposed line in accordance with subsection 2-C. The petition for approval must be set down for public hearing. The commission shall issue its order within 6 9 months after the petition is filed unless this period is extended either by agreement of all the parties or by the commission upon its determination that the party seeking the extension would, because of circumstances beyond that party's control, be unreasonably disadvantaged unless the extension were granted, as long as the party to that time had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence.

At the time of filing of a petition for approval of a proposed line under this section, the person filing the petition shall send a copy of the petition by certified mail to the municipal officers of the municipality or municipalities in which the line is to be located.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3132-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. C, §8, is amended to read:

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1 alternatives coordinator and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy,
2 Utilities and Technology by January 1, 2018 on the outcome of that proceeding.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)