

STATE OF MAINE

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**Resolve, Directing Coordinated State Agencies To Engage with the
Governing Leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal
Pipe Line Limited for Sustainability-centered Repurposing of Stranded and
At-risk Infrastructure Assets in Maine**

Sec. 1. Coordinated state agencies to engage with the governing leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited for sustainability-centered repurposing of stranded and at-risk infrastructure assets in Maine. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Energy Office in coordination shall engage directly with the executive and board leaderships of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited parent companies Suncor Energy, Shell Oil Company and Imperial Oil Limited to examine opportunities for repurposing the Portland-Montreal pipeline and related real estate holdings in the State, including consideration of a redevelopment strategy and revenue model acceptable to those companies' investors in accordance with the companies' own sustainability goals. The asset to be addressed by the examination is the pipeline itself, which is to be examined for repurposing as a conduit for high-voltage electric transmission lines. The examination of repurposing must consider opportunities for existing Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited employees to direct their efforts toward the technical and management opportunities created by repurposing of the pipeline.

The scope of work under this section may include coordination with other state agencies and local jurisdictions as well as coordination with regulators in New Hampshire, Vermont and the provincial government of Quebec, Canada.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That no later than February 15, 2020, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Governor's Energy Office shall submit a joint report on the efforts undertaken pursuant to this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.