

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 395 - 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

Sec. 1. Legislative approval of high-impact transmission line. Resolved:
That the Legislature:

1. Finds the 1,200-megawatt capacity, 345-kilovolt transmission line and associated interconnection facilities approved by the Public Utilities Commission in orders issued November 1, 2022 and February 3, 2023, in Docket No. 2021-00369, referred to in this resolve as "the transmission project," is consistent with the intent and achieves the objectives of the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-I, referred to in this resolve as "the program," and that the transmission project will allow the State to achieve the objectives of the program and thereby assist the State in meeting its energy, greenhouse gas reduction and economic development policies and goals; and
2. Finds that the transmission project is a high-impact electric transmission line, as defined in Title 35-A, section 3131, subsection 4-A; and
3. Approves the construction of the transmission project as a high-impact electric transmission line pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3132, subsection 6-C.

Sec. 2. Public lands. Resolved: That, while the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132, subsection 6-C provides that any high-impact electric transmission line crossing or utilizing public lands designated by the Legislature pursuant to Title 12, section 598-A is deemed to substantially alter the land and must be approved by the vote of 2/3 of all the members elected to each House of the Legislature, the Legislature finds that the route of the transmission project has not been finalized so it is unknown whether the transmission project will cross or utilize such designated lands and as a result, the Legislature does not by the passage of this resolve provide such approval for any crossing or utilization of such designated lands.