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Mr. Harry Lanphear  
Administrative Director  
Maine Public Utilities Commission  
18 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Director Lanphear,

On May 16, 2014, I wrote to the Commission and appointed Justice Paul Rudman as a Commissioner to Docket No. 2012-00487. In addition, I have communicated with Commissioner Littell regarding his unanticipated decision to recuse himself from the case as well. I understand that this correspondence has been included in the public docket.

As you now know, I indicated in my May 15, 2014 letter to Commissioner Littell my concern for the precedent established of using the authority established in 35-A M.R.S 108-B to lower the standard of recusals for sitting Commissioners. While I have the full faith in the integrity of the judges nominated to serve in this case and strongly believe that the parties deserve resolution to the case, this issue is more significant than one single proceeding, and I do not agree with Commissioner Littell's response. As a result, unless there are unforeseen developments, I do not anticipate appointing an additional alternative Commissioner to Docket No. 2012-00487.

I appreciate the willingness for the judges to serve in this capacity. In addition, I appreciate the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee for working diligently to address this unique situation. I remain committed to working with the Commission and the Legislature to bring closure to this case without altering the standard of recusals that is established in law and through the Maine bar rules governing attorneys.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor

Cc:  
Legislative Leadership  
Justice Paul Rudman  
Justice John Atwood  
Justice Francis Marsano  
Members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee



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