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Attachment #3

To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

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Re: Feedback Requested on Electric Transmission Line Development

Date: March 12, 2025

MMA staff were approached by Jeremy Payne, Cornerstone Public Affairs, who represents Renew Northeast, which is a company that has an interest in electric transmission infrastructure development. In 2024, municipal leaders participated in a Renew Northeast hosted webinar focused on the issues that communities face when dealing with transmission development. The purpose of that meeting was to start the conversations necessary to determine what resources, professional services, and information towns and cities will need to make informed decisions regarding transmission line development in the years ahead.

In determining their next steps, Renew Northeast is interested in holding a series of webinars to discuss topics of most importance to Maine towns and cities. Some of the expected questions that will be answered during the series include why there is a need for more transmission lines; how these developments will impact property values; and what analytical tools and data are available to determine whether lines should be above or below ground.

Understanding that they are coming from the developer perspective, Renew Northeast is seeking LPC members' input on additional topics that municipal leaders would find beneficial and appropriate for this series. For that reason, time will be set aside during your March 20 LPC meeting for that discussion.

Thank you for thinking about topics of interest to your community. Staff look forward to hearing your ideas.