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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 660, L.D. 1883, Bill, “An Act To Clarify the Regulation of Private Natural Gas Pipelines”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §4517, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 110, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Affiliated compression or liquefaction facility" means a facility that is used to liquefy or compress natural gas for sale or distribution to others by means other than a pipeline and that is owned or operated by an affiliate of the owner of a private natural gas pipeline.

B. "Private natural gas pipeline" means a pipeline that is used solely for the transport of natural gas to a single customer and is owned by the customer and whose owner or operator is not otherwise regulated by the commission as a natural gas pipeline utility or gas utility. For purposes of this paragraph, "customer" includes an affiliate of a customer.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §4517, sub-§§2 and 3, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 110, §1, are amended to read:

2. Safety regulation. The commission may exercise safety regulation over an entity that owns or operates a private natural gas pipeline on public land or land owned by a 3rd party, notwithstanding that the entity is not a public utility. The commission may exercise safety regulation over the owner or operator of an affiliated compression or liquefaction facility, notwithstanding that the owner or operator is not a public utility. Safety regulation under this subsection may be enforced as provided in sections 4515 and 4516-A.

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