

January 12, 2004

Honorable Christopher Hall, Senate Chair  
Honorable Lawrence Bliss, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Building Energy Codes Preliminary Draft Report

Dear Senator Hall and Representative Bliss:

P.L. 2003, ch. 497 requires the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to examine building energy codes and standards and to report its findings and recommendations to the Utilities and Energy Committee by February 1, 2004. The Commission is providing this "preliminary draft" report containing its findings, but omitting portions of background and explanation, to assist the Utilities and Energy Committee and the Business, Research and Economic Development Committee as they consider, during January 2004, bills related to building codes.

We will submit our complete report by February 1.

We look forward to working with the Committees on this subject. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Maine Public Utilities Commission  
Thomas L. Welch, Chairman  
Stephen L. Diamond, Commissioner  
Sharon M. Reishus, Commissioner

cc: Utilities and Energy Committee Members  
Jon Clark, Legislative Analyst