

Dear Chairman Vannoy and Commissioners Littell and McLean,

Please accept this letter as a request for public records pursuant to Maine's Freedom of Access Act. I hereby request the following public records generated, obtained, or in possession of between **1/29/2015 - 5/28/2015**:

- All **email communication** between Public Utilities Commissioners and staff with the governor's office, including but not limited to Gov. Paul LePage, Patrick Woodcock, Lisa Smith, John McGough, Kathleen Newman, Peter Steele, Adrienne Bennett;
- **Calendars** used to maintain work-related appointments and meetings for Public Utilities Commissioners and staff;
- **Phone records** of all outgoing and incoming phone calls placed on each PUC Commissioner's work phone. To be clear, that includes both desk phones and any mobile phone used in their role as PUC Commissioners. For each call log, please include the length of the call and any caller identification.

Additionally, given Ms. McLean's role as legal counsel for Gov. LePage prior to her confirmation to the PUC, I request the above public records from Ms. McLean's tenure with the Executive Branch from 12/1/2014 - 1/28/2015.

I request that these records be delivered to me electronically (PDF format preferred) at [Dawn.Hill@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Dawn.Hill@legislature.maine.gov)

My intent for this request is to clarify the role of the PUC and its influencers during this recent spate of decisions. The PUC is intended to operate as an independent regulatory agency but there's indication that perhaps some coordination and collaboration has occurred between the Executive Branch and the PUC leading to undue influence.

As a member of Senate leadership and the state's Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee charged with reviewing energy issues facing our state, it is my obligation to ensure that the PUC and its Commissioners are acting in accordance with law.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 287-1515.

Respectfully,

cc: Cynthia Montgomery, Chief Legal Counsel, Gov. Paul LePage