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State of Maine  
Executive Department  
FINANCIAL ORDER

**APPROVED**

JAN 15 2015

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**BY GOVERNOR**

**ORDERED;**

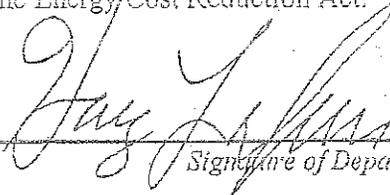
That the State Controller increase allotment in account 014-65A-0184-01, Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund by \$200,000 in the All Other line category for the purpose of allotting a portion of the unencumbered balance forward to be used for consulting services; and,

Be it further ordered,  
that the State Controller authorize the expenditure in accordance with the attached "Revision of the Work Program for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015", for which this shall be our sufficient warrant.

**Statement of Fact**

The allotment is needed to cover the cost of an amendment to an existing agreement with an expert consulting firm that is assisting the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with Docket No. 2014-00071 an "Investigation of Parameters for Exercising Authority Pursuant to the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act". The expert consultant was hired to analyze options to secure additional natural gas pipeline capacity. After reviewing the bids received to provide additional pipeline capacity, the PUC determined that the expert consultant will also need to perform complex gas modelling work to help better assess the value of these proposals and to respond to discovery and cross-examination regarding its analysis in the PUC's adjudicatory proceeding.

Failure to approve this order would prevent the PUC from analyzing options to provide natural gas pipeline capacity as required by the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Act.

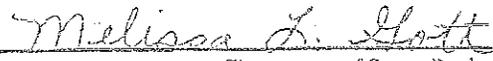


*Signature of Department Head*

Harry Lanphear, Administrative Director

*Name and Title*

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*Signature of State Budget Officer*

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30 day wait*