

HB 166 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **166**

AN ACT requiring the public utilities commission to make specific findings as to the public need for proposed transmission lines.

SPONSORS: Rep. Townsend, Graf 11; Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf 8

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the public utilities commission:

- I. To make specific findings as to the public need for proposed electric transmission lines.
- II. To require transmission lines that are not for the public good to be placed underground.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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need for proposed transmission lines.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Subdivision; Investigation of Proposed Transmission Lines. Amend RSA 363 by inserting
2 after section 23 the following new subdivision:

3 Investigation of Proposed Transmission Lines

4 363:23-a Investigation. The commission shall investigate whether any proposed electric
5 transmission line is necessary for the public good. The commission shall order that any transmission
6 line not found to be for the public good shall be placed underground.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.