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Energy and Technology Committee—March 17, 2011

S.B. No. 1169 - AN ACT REQUIRING DOCUMENTATION OF UTILITY ROAD CUTS.

This bill is a much improved version of last session's SB 419. We welcome the elimination of the obligation to provide digital photographs of any temporary and permanent patches made to repair the cut as that requirement would have been costly and burdensome.

This bill would require notice be provided to municipal public works departments when public service companies make road cuts and repairs. We believe that notice is already provided when a utility seeks a permit to excavate a road. This proposed bill would create additional administrative burdens and costs by adding another step in an already existing process impacts not only the utilities, but the municipalities (and any local businesses that are impacted by the road work) as well. Under current processes, municipalities have the right, and they have enforced their ability to have the utilities re-do work to their satisfaction. Both CL&P and Yankee Gas have always been willing to re-do work when notified by municipalities and for this reason we oppose this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.