

Floor Amendment to HB 648

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Proceedings to Acquire Property or Rights; Petition. Amend RSA 371:1 to read as follows:

4 371:1 Petition. Whenever it is necessary, in order to meet the reasonable requirements of
5 service to the public, that any public utility should construct a line, branch line, extension, [~~or~~-a]
6 pipeline, conduit, line of poles, towers, or wires across the land of another, or should acquire land,
7 land for an electric substation, or flowage, drainage, or other rights for the necessary construction,
8 extension, or improvement of any water power or other works owned or operated by such public
9 utility, and it cannot agree with the owners of such land or rights as to the necessity or the price to
10 be paid therefor, such public utility may petition the public utilities commission for such rights and
11 easements or for permission to take such lands or rights as may be needed for said purposes. No
12 public utility may petition for permission to take private land or property rights for the construction
13 or operation of an electric generating plant *or for private development, including but not*
14 *limited to participant-funded projects.*

15 2 New Section; Proceedings to Acquire Property or Rights; Participant-Funded. Amend
16 RSA 371 by inserting after section 1-a the following new section:

17 371:1-b Participant Funded. For the purposes of this chapter, a project is participant-funded if
18 it is, in whole or in part, voluntarily funded by an entity or entities that have agreed to pay for any
19 or all of the costs of such project.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.