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Senate Republicans Protect NH Ratepayers

CONCORD - The New Hampshire Senate today voted to protect New Hampshire ratepayers from tens of millions of dollars in potential electric rate increases by rereferring Senate Bill 165 to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

"SB 165 aims to increase transparency in our electric rates by setting up an online energy date platform," said Sen. Kevin Avard (R-Nashua), Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee.

"But we just received information for the Public Utilities Commission that unless this bill is changed, it would give utilities a blank check to build this platform regardless of cost. This would expose New Hampshire families and businesses to potentially tens of millions in higher electric rates."

"Sending this bill back to committee is the only responsible course. We can increase transparency, but we must not put New Hampshire ratepayers at risk."

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Letter from Public Utilities Commission Attached