

STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
Sitting as the Law Court  
Docket No. Cum-23-83

Wayne R. Jortner et al.

v.

**ORDER ESTABLISHING COURSE OF  
APPEAL**

Secretary of State

The Secretary of State has appealed from the order of the Superior Court (Cumberland County, *MG Kennedy, J.*), entered on March 9, 2023, requiring the Secretary of State to revise the final wording of the ballot question for the citizen initiative entitled “An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility.” The appeal is governed by 21-A M.R.S. § 905(3) (2022) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure. The Clerk of the Law Court has docketed the appeal under Law Court docket number Cum-23-83.

It is ORDERED as follows:

1. The Clerk of the Superior Court must transmit the record on appeal to the Clerk of the Law Court on or before **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**, at 4:00 p.m.

2. Any interested person or organization may file a brief as an amicus curiae pursuant to M.R. App. P. 7A(e) without consent of the parties or separate leave of the Court.
3. The parties and any amici must file their briefs and submit the required electronic versions of their briefs, and the Secretary of State must file the appendix and an electronic version of the appendix, on or before **March 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**
4. No reply briefs or other briefing is permitted.
5. The Court will hold oral argument in this appeal on **Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Portland.**

Dated: March 14, 2023

For the Court,

/s/ Valerie Stanfill  
Chief Justice