

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1896
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8 H. P. 1927 House of Representatives, February 2, 1982
Filed by the Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities under
Joint Rule 18. Approved by the Legislative Council June 4, 1981.

Reported by Representative Kany from the Committee on Public
Utilities and 1,600 ordered printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
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10 STATE OF MAINE
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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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15 AN ACT to Require Electric and Gas
16 Energy Forecasts.
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18 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

19 35 MRSA §13-B is enacted to read:

20 §13-B. Electric and Gas Energy Forecasts

21 1. Utility filing. The commission shall, at intervals
22 frequent enough to serve the public interest but not more
23 often than annually, order each electric or gas company
24 serving within the State to prepare and file with the public
25 advocate a long-range forecast of demand for the utility's
26 service 5 and 10 years ahead. A forecast prepared to meet
27 the requirement of this subsection may also be filed by the
28 utility in any proceeding before the commission.

29 2. Conference on energy forecasting. The public advo-
30 cate shall in 1983, and biennially thereafter, convene a
31 conference on energy forecasting to prepare and transmit to
32 the Governor a public report including:

1 A. Projection of the demand for electrical energy and
2 natural gas in the State for the succeeding 5-year and
3 10-year periods;

4 B. Identification of supplies and capacity including
5 expected increases in supply and capacity intended to
6 meet that demand, with a reasonable safety factor; and

7 C. Identification of other options for meeting the
8 electric and gas needs, such as conservation or other
9 supplies.

10 The 10 members of the conference shall be: The Chairman of
11 the Public Utilities Commission; the Public Advocate; the
12 Director of the Office of Energy Resources; the Director of
13 the State Planning Office; a representative of one of the 3
14 largest electric utilities in the State; a representative of
15 an electric cooperative or municipal electric utility; a
16 small power producer; a representative of the natural gas
17 industry and 2 members at large. Any member not specifi-
18 cally identified here shall be appointed by the Governor.
19 The conference shall serve in an advisory capacity to the
20 Executive Department and shall not be considered a board or
21 commission of any state agency or authority, but its meet-
22 ings and reports shall be public.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill would require any electric or gas utility
25 serving in the State to file long-range demand forecasts
26 with the public advocate. It also establishes a biennial
27 conference on energy forecasting to forecast electric and
28 gas demand and supply and present options for bringing them
29 into balance.

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