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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Legislative Document No. 1281
H.P. 980 House of Representatives, March 22, 1983
Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Matthews of Winslow. Cosponsors: Representative Weymouth of West Gardiner and Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Hold Joint Hearings with Federal Public Utility Regulatory Bodies.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
35 MRSA §16, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 354, is amended to read:
§16. Participation with other public utility regulatory bodies
The commission shall have the authority to may participate with other state and federal public utility regulating bodies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission, or their successors, in joint hearings and studies relating to mutually regulated utilities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission to participate in joint hearings and studies with federal bodies having jurisdiction over Maine utilities. Such joint activities may reduce the expense and delay involved in duplicative regulatory proceedings. The existing law already allows joint hearings and studies with other state public utility regulatory bodies.

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