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An Act To Reduce Costs for Customers of Northern Maine Consumer-owned Utilities

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLEARY of Houlton.
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAREY of Lewiston,
EATON of Sullivan, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Speaker PINGREE
of North Haven, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3207, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

3 1-A. Consumer-owned utilities in the northern Maine independent system
4 administrator's area. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a consumer-owned transmission
5 and distribution utility with service territory within an area administered as of January 1,
6 2009 by the independent system administrator for northern Maine or any successor of the
7 independent system administrator for northern Maine:

8 A. May sell retail generation service only within its service territory and is
9 authorized to purchase electric power and energy at wholesale, as long as the
10 consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility complies with the requirements
11 of section 3203, subsection 3 and section 3210, subsection 3, and to purchase such
12 transmission and related services as may be required to effect the delivery of such
13 power and energy to its service territory; and

14 B. May sell wholesale generation service for the purpose of reducing its customers'
15 costs.

16 SUMMARY

17 This bill authorizes a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility with a
18 service territory within an area administered by the independent system administrator for
19 northern Maine to sell retail generation service within its respective service territory and
20 purchase electric power and energy at wholesale. The bill also authorizes the utility to
21 sell wholesale generation services for the purpose of reducing its customers' costs.