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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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125TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 239, L.D. 795, Bill, "An Act To Expand Net Energy Billing"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRS §3209-A is enacted to read:

§3209-A. Net energy billing

The commission may adopt or amend rules governing net energy billing. Rules adopted or amended under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. "Net energy billing" means a billing and metering practice under which a customer is billed on the basis of net energy over the billing period taking into account accumulated unused kilowatt-hour credits from the previous billing period.

Sec. 2. Amendment of rules. The Public Utilities Commission shall amend its Rule Chapter 313 governing net energy billing to direct transmission and distribution utilities to develop term lengths for contracts for net energy billing and interconnection agreements for a length of time not to exceed 10 years that will not prevent owners or operators of eligible facilities with an installed capacity of at least 100 kilowatts but no greater than 660 kilowatts from securing reasonable financing, as determined by the commission, for the construction, renovation or upgrade of the eligible facility.'

SUMMARY

This amendment modifies the definition of net energy billing to more closely reflect definitions already in rules of the Public Utilities Commission. It deletes definitions that are not needed for this section. It also adds unallocated language that directs the commission to amend its rule to require that the length of contracts for interconnection agreements is sufficient for the purpose of securing financing.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 1836(02)

An Act To Expand Net Energy Billing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-216

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to amend its rules governing net energy billing in the manner envisioned by this bill as amended will result in minor increased costs which can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.