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House of Representatives, April 26, 2011

### **An Act Regarding Information Provided to Consumers by Competitive Electricity Providers**

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Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered  
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Informational filings; public information.** The commission shall establish by  
5 rule information disclosure and filing requirements for competitive electricity providers.  
6 The rules must require generation providers to file their generally available rates, terms  
7 and conditions with the commission. The commission, subject to appropriate protective  
8 orders, may require the submission of individual service contracts or any other  
9 confidential information from a competitive electricity provider.

10 The commission by rule shall establish standards for ~~publishing and disseminating~~  
11 making available, through any means considered appropriate, information that enhances  
12 consumers' ability to effectively make choices in a competitive electricity market.

13 Rules adopted under this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5,  
14 chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A and must be provisionally adopted by March 1, 1999.

15 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 558, §2, is  
16 further amended to read:

17 E. Must provide to the consumer within 30 days of contracting for retail service a  
18 disclosure of information provided to the commission pursuant to rules adopted under  
19 subsection 3 in a standard written format established by the commission; and

20 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 558, §2, is  
21 further amended to read:

22 F. Must comply with any other applicable standards or requirements adopted by the  
23 commission by rule or order; ~~and~~.

24 **Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 558, §3, is  
25 repealed.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill removes the requirement that a competitive electricity provider provide at  
28 least once annually to a consumer information that enhances the consumer's ability to  
29 effectively make choices in a competitive electricity market. It requires the Public  
30 Utilities Commission to establish by rule standards for making this information available  
31 through any means considered appropriate.