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In Senate, March 5, 2013

An Act To Remove Obsolete Provisions of the Electric Industry Restructuring Laws

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 black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3213**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 691, §8, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3216**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. M, §§1 and 2 and
4 affected by §3, is repealed.

5 **Sec. 3. Transfer of funds.** The Public Utilities Commission shall transfer any
6 remaining balance in the Public Utilities Commission Consumer Education Fund,
7 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, former section 3213, subsection 3,
8 to the General Fund.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill repeals provisions of the electric industry restructuring laws that:

11 1. Require electric utilities to issue unbundled bills to consumers that state the cost of
12 the electricity separately from the cost of the transmission and distribution of that
13 electricity;

14 2. Establish a consumer education program, and a funding mechanism for that
15 program, regarding the implementation of retail competition in the State's retail electricity
16 markets and its impact on consumers. The program was time limited and has concluded.
17 The Public Utilities Commission is directed to transfer any remaining balance in the
18 Public Utilities Commission Consumer Education Fund to the General Fund; and

19 3. Require each investor-owned utility to prepare a plan for providing transition
20 services and benefits for employees who were employed by the utility on January 1, 1998
21 and are laid off due to retail competition, which is defined as, absent other just cause, a
22 layoff that occurs after March 1, 2000 and before December 31, 2001. This provision is
23 no longer necessary since that date has been reached.