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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 763, L.D. 1025, "An Act To Allow a Customer with a Net Energy Billing Arrangement To Annually Donate Any Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Support Arrearage Management Programs through Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits Derived from Net Energy Billing Arrangements'

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Unused kilowatt-hour credits; rules. To the extent rules adopted under this section provide for the periodic expiration of unused kilowatt-hour credits accumulated by a customer participating in a net energy billing arrangement, the commission shall require by rule that, no earlier than April 1, 2022, each transmission and distribution utility with a net energy billing arrangement that has implemented or elected to implement an arrearage management program pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2-A shall account for and, on or before January 1st of each year, apply all unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated and that expired during the prior calendar year for the benefit of participants in the utility's arrearage management program. The rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection must:

A. Establish the manner by which a transmission and distribution utility must account for unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated by all customers of the utility with net energy billing arrangements during the prior calendar year and that expired during the prior calendar year; and

B. Establish the manner by which a transmission and distribution utility must apply such unused kilowatt-hour credits for the benefit of participants in the utility's arrearage management program, which must be designed to result in each such participant receiving as close to an equal amount of those credits except when the credited amount would exceed the amount of a participant's arrearage.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, rules adopted by the
2 commission pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
3 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

4 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
5 number to read consecutively.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title of
8 and replaces the bill. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical
9 rules requiring that, no earlier than April 1, 2022, each transmission and distribution utility
10 with a net energy billing arrangement account for and, on or before January 1st of each
11 year, apply all unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated and expired in the prior
12 calendar year for the benefit of participants in the utility's arrearage management program
13 implemented pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3214, subsection
14 2-A.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 (See attached)



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Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *ACH-509*

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission as a result of a requirement to establish a method to apply unused kilowatt-hour credits towards arrearage management programs are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.