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House of Representatives, January 14, 2025

**An Act to Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Authority to
Establish Time-of-use Pricing for Standard-offer Service**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RUNTE of York.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-B,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 **4-B. Demand response and energy efficiency.** The commission may incorporate
5 cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy
6 efficiency into the supply of standard-offer service. The commission shall encourage
7 entities based in this State that are not otherwise either a standard-offer service provider or
8 its affiliate to participate in supplying cost-effective demand response or energy efficiency
9 pursuant to this subsection.

10 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-C,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is
11 amended to read:

12 **4-C. Authority to establish various contract lengths and terms.** For the purpose of
13 providing over a reasonable time period the lowest price for standard-offer service to
14 residential and small commercial customers, the commission, with respect to residential
15 and small commercial standard-offer service, may, in addition to incorporating cost-
16 effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency
17 pursuant to subsection 4-B and to the extent authorized in section 3210-C, incorporating
18 the energy portion of any contracts entered into pursuant to section 3210-C, establish
19 various standard-offer service contract lengths and terms.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill clarifies that the Public Utilities Commission may incorporate time-of-use
22 pricing for the supply of standard-offer service.