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BILL SUMMARY



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1110 AN ACT TO CONFORM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GENERATING FACILITIES OR TRANSMISSION LINES J. Mitchell ENACT. PL 237
Baker (OTPA)
Ridley
(for PA)

SUMMARY: In order to cover the cost of PUC regulation, 35 MRS.A §13-B requires payment of a filing fee of 2/100th of one percent of the estimated cost when a utility purchases capacity, energy or transmission capacity or applies for fuel conversion. This bill extends the filing fee concept to construction of generation or transmission facilities under §13-A.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-155) Allows for waivers, refunds and exemptions from filing fees when they are not needed to process the application.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-70) technical.

1122 AN ACT TO CLARIFY FILING FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES' PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC POWER AND CONVERSIONS Weymouth ENACT. PL 90
EMER
(ND OF LD 229)

SUMMARY: Makes filing fees under 35 MRS.A §13-B correspond more nearly to the actual cost to the commission of reviewing an application for purchase of generating capacity, energy and transmission capacity by allowing a waiver of all or part of the filing fee and by requiring a refund of any unused portions. The PUC will include in its annual report to the Legislature under Title 35, section 17, a summary of filing fees received, waived or returned during the previous year, and a detailed list of expenditures of funds received from the filing fees in each particular case.

1159 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF RADIO PAGING SERVICES McGowan ENACT. PL 304
Vose EMER
(OTPA)

SUMMARY: The bill exempts radio paging services from PUC regulation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-179) clarifies that radio paging is one-way communication. It requires any public utility involved in radio paging to keep separate books, but allows the PUC Commission to waive that requirement for good cause, for example a very small company.