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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 846

House of Representatives, February 10, 1965

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pike of Lubec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Authorizing Public Utilities Commission to Require the Interchange
of Electric Energy.**

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

R. S., T. 35, § 2304, amended. Section 2304 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

'The Public Utilities Commission, in the interest of public convenience and necessity, is empowered to order a company engaged in the manufacture, transmission, distribution or sale of electricity directly to the public or to be used ultimately by the public for lighting, heating or power to transport electric energy over its transmission or distribution facilities at a reasonable service charge and in such manner as the commission shall direct when such transmission will alleviate an electric power shortage within this State. Whenever the commission, upon its own motion or upon application of any electric company, municipal, cooperative or privately owned, engaged in the manufacture, transmission, distribution or sale of electric energy, and after due notice to all interested parties, makes findings based upon adequate evidence that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and is not detrimental to the interest of investors or consumers, it may by order direct such electric company to establish physical connection of its transmission or distribution facilities with the facilities of one or more other such electric company to sell energy to, to exchange energy with, to transmit or distribute energy for any other such electric company or companies, provided that the commission shall have no authority to compel any such electric company to sell, exchange, transmit or distribute energy when to do so would impair its ability to render adequate service to its customers. The commission may prescribe the terms and conditions of the arrangement to be made between the electric companies affected by any such order, including the

compensation or reimbursement reasonably due to any of them, and in the case of a new physical connection, the apportionment of costs between or among them provided that a company making application for a connection which will inure to its sole benefit shall assume the entire cost of such connection.'