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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 384

In Senate, March 24, 1975

Referred to Committee on Energy. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Construction of Electric Power Generating Facilities.

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

35 MRSA § 13-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 476, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

At such hearing, the commission shall determine whether a public need for such facility in its proposed location exists, considering present and projected population, availability of power from other sources present and projected, the extent to which the proposed facility will encourage or be compatible with the conservation of energy, and such other social, economic, environmental and safety considerations as the commission may deem relevant in determining such need. The commission shall make specific findings with regard to such need, and on the basis thereof may deny or grant, with such restrictions or conditions as it may deem appropriate in view of such considerations, the proposed facility.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to expand the factors which the Public Utilities Commission must consider prior to granting approval for construction of electric power generating facilities. The legislation will also require the Public Utilities Commission to make specific findings with regard to the need for the facility under consideration.