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H. P. 913

House of Representatives, March 9, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brenerman of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. Howe of South Portland, Mr. Wood of Sanford and Mrs. Huber of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Setting of Electric Rates by the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA § 92, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 521, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

It is further the purpose of this chapter to encourage the Public Utilities Commission to promote the maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources existing in the State in setting electric rates. The objective of this consideration is to promote the use of indigenous energy resources to the extent that overall electric costs can be reduced.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA § 93, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 521, is amended to read:

2. Marginal costs of service. Rates which reflect marginal costs of services at different voltages, times of day or seasons of the year **and including long run marginal costs associated with the construction of new electric generating facilities;**

Sec. 3. 35 MRSA § 93, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 521, is amended to read:

3. Policies. Policies which encourage economic use of fuel **and which encourage the maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources indigenous to the State**; and

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the Electric Rate Reform Act to encourage the Public Utilities Commission, when it sets electric rates, to take into consideration:

1. The long run marginal costs associated with the construction of new electrical generating facilities; and
2. The maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources indigenous to the State, so long as this utilization encourages reduction of overall costs.