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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A"

to H.P. 1193, L.D. 1444, Bill, "AN ACT to Reduce the Minimum Public Utility Monthly Electrical Charge to \$2 and to Prohibit the use by Electrical Utilities of an Estimated Meter Reading as a Basis for a Customer Bill."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT Concerning the Minimum Public Utility Monthly Electrical Charge.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'35 MRSA §96 is enacted to read:

§96. Minimum distribution costs

The Public Utilities Commission, in approving any minimum customer charge in an electric utility rate proceeding subsequent section, to the effective date of this / Shall consider whether the exclusion of any minimum distribution costs incurred by the utility from such customer charge may be reasonably expected to advance the basic findings and purposes of this chapter. If the commission so finds, it shall exclude from the customer charge any minimum distribution charges which do not advance the basic findings and purposes of this chapter.

H.P. 1193, L.D. 1444

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require that the Public Utilities Commission consider the exclusion of minimum distribution costs from customer charges.

Reported by the Committee of Conference on LD 1444.

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