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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-438)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 527, L.D. 593, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Filing Requirements for Utility Rate Changes."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

35 MRSA §64, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The commission may, in its discretion, require the filing of information relating to the changes to be filed in a general increase in rates at the same time as the schedules are filed. The commission may require utilities whose gross revenues exceed \$5,000,000 annually, to notify the commission not more than 2 months in advance of filing a general increase in rates under this section that such a filing is planned and to disclose the approximate amount of the increase, a general statement of the major issues that might be presented and the approximate rate of return the utility would be seeking.

Statement of Fact

The amendment would allow the Public Utilities Commission to obtain notice of major rate cases 2 months ahead of filing and to obtain more complete information when the rate changes are filed, which should help expedite processing the cases.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.
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