

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

1

L.D. 51

2  
3  
4  
5

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-12)  
111TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

6  
7  
8

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 46, L.D. 51,  
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Fuel Adjustment Clause  
of Natural Gas Utilities."

9  
10

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and  
before the enacting clause the following:

11  
12  
13

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

14  
15

Whereas, certain industrial customers receive  
natural gas on an interruptible nonfirm basis; and

16  
17  
18

Whereas, many of these customers have dual fuel  
capability and might switch to oil now that oil  
prices are dropping; and

19  
20

Whereas, a separate rate schedule for nonfirm gas  
customers might facilitate market competition; and

21  
22  
23  
24

Whereas, the season from April to October, out-  
side the heating season, is the time when natural gas  
is generally available to serve nonfirm customers;  
and

25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
therefore,

31  
32  
33  
34

Further amend the bill in subsection 2 in the  
last line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting  
after the underlined word and punctuation "basis."  
the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 46, L.D. 51

1 'The rates charged to nonfirm customers shall include  
2 a cost of gas as determined by the commission and the  
3 total rate charged to nonfirm customers shall be sub-  
4 ject to the approval of the commission.'

5 Further amend the bill by inserting before the  
6 statement of fact the following:

7 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
8 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect  
9 when approved.'

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 The amendment makes it clear that the Public  
12 Utilities Commission may establish a separate rate,  
13 including cost of gas, to nonfirm customers of natu-  
14 ral gas.

15 The amendment also adds an emergency clause to  
16 allow action before April, when nonfirm gas generally  
17 becomes available.

18 2439021183

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities  
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the  
House  
2/15/83 (Filing No. H-12)