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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 51

7 H.P. 46

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Public Utilities suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Joyce of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Fuel Adjustment
18 Clause of Natural Gas Utilities.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 35 MRSA §132 sub-§§1,2 and 4 as enacted by PL
23 1981, c. 600, are amended to read:

24 1. Fuel cost. Subject to the approval of the
25 commission, each gas company shall include as part of
26 its base rates a reasonable cost for the gas which it
27 supplies to its firm customers who receive uninter-
28 rupted service on a year-round basis. The cost of
29 gas shall include the cost of the gas purchased by
30 the company for use in the State, pursuant to regula-
31 tions promulgated by the commission under this
32 section. The amount to be included in a utility's

1 base rates shall be determined at the time of general
2 rate adjustment under section 64 or section 296 and
3 shall be based upon the utility's reasonable costs of
4 gas during the test year used for the rate adjust-
5 ment.

6 2. Fuel cost adjustment. Notwithstanding the
7 requirements of section 69, and subject to the condi-
8 tions of this section, a gas company shall adjust its
9 gas charges to its firm customers to reflect
10 increases and decreases in the price of gas that
11 occur after a general rate proceeding under section
12 64 and section 296. A firm customer is a customer
13 which receives uninterrupted service on a year-round
14 basis.

15 4. Cost of gas adjustment rate applied uniformly
16 to firm customers. The cost of gas adjustment estab-
17 lished under this section shall be billed or credited
18 at a single uniform rate per 100 cubic feet of gas or
19 therms for all firm customers of the gas company.
20 A firm customer is a customer which receives uninter-
21 rupted service on a year-round basis.

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The intent of this bill is to clarify the word
24 customer for the purpose of the fuel adjustment
25 clause of natural gas utilities to firm customers who
26 receive uninterrupted service on a year-round basis.

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