

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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. 142

7 H.P. 136

House of Representatives, January 10, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence  
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

Cosponsors: Representative McGowan of Pittsfield, Representative  
11 Paradis of Old Town and Representative Weymouth of West Gardiner.

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 to Clarify the Procedure for  
18 Filing a Rate Case under the Public Utility  
19 Law.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 35 MRSA §64, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
24 408, is amended to read:

25 The commission may, in its discretion, require  
26 the filing of information relating to the changes to  
27 be filed in a general increase in rates at the same  
28 time as the schedules are filed. The commission may  
29 require utilities, whose gross revenues exceed  
30 \$5,000,000 annually, to notify the commission, not  
31 more than 2 months in advance of filing a general  
32 increase in rates under this section, that such a  
33 filing is planned and to disclose the approximate

1 amount of the increase, a general statement of the  
2 major issues that might be presented and the approxi-  
3 mate rate of return the utility would be seeking. In  
4 the event the information filed in this section does  
5 not substantially satisfy the requirements of this  
6 paragraph or any regulations lawfully promulgated in  
7 this section, the secretary of the commission shall  
8 notify the utility in writing of this fact within 15  
9 days of the date of filing and the utility shall have  
10 15 days thereafter to cure its filing. If the filing  
11 is not amended to comply with this paragraph or any  
12 regulation lawfully promulgated in this section, the  
13 commission may reject the filing.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

15 In recent years, the requirements for properly  
16 filing a request for a general increase in rates have  
17 become quite complex. The purpose of this bill is to  
18 give the utilities the opportunity to cure any tech-  
19 nical error in such a filing by amendment and save  
20 the ratepayer the cost of having the utilities refile  
21 the original request.

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