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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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9 Committee on Public Utilities, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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11 Presented by 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 Filing Fee Requirements
18 for Public Utilities Commission Approval of
19 Electric Utilities' Purchase of Electric
20 Power and Conversions.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 35 MRSA §13-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
25 673, §1, is amended to read:

26 4. Filing fee. When the petition is filed, the
27 utility or utilities involved shall pay to the Public
28 Utilities Commission an amount equal to 2/100 of 1%
29 of the estimated cost of the purchase of energy or
30 generating capacity for the first 3 years or conver-
31 sion.

32 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, filing
33 fees paid as required here shall be segregated,

1 apportioned and expended by the Public Utilities Com-
2 mission for the purposes of this section.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 Some contracts for the purchase of energy or
5 generating capacity by Maine electric utilities may
6 last for terms of 10 years or more. The total cost
7 of these contracts may be in the hundreds of millions
8 of dollars. A filing fee based upon these amounts
9 would be excessive and an unnecessary burden on the
10 ratepayers. A limit of 3 years, as contained in the
11 existing definition of "energy" and "generating
12 capacity" is a realistic and fair limit.

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