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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. 1071

7 H.P. 834

House of Representatives, March 4, 1983

8 Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

9 On Motion of Representative Vose of Eastport, referred to the Committee
on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Andrews of Portland.

11 Cosponsors: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot, Representative Lisnik of
Presque Isle and Representative Matthews of Winslow.

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 Provide for Uniform Fuel Costs
18 for all Customer Classes of an Electric
19 Utility.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 35 MRSA §131, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1979, c.
24 643, §1, is further amended to read:

25 2. Fuel cost. Subject to the approval of the
26 commission, each electric utility shall include as
27 part of its base rates a reasonable cost for fuel to
28 provide its customers with electricity. The cost of
29 fuel shall include fuel consumed in the electric
30 utility's generating stations and the cost of power
31 purchased by the electric utility for use in Maine,
32 pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commission
33 under this section and in accordance with the re-
34 quirements of subsection 4. The amount to be

1 included in a utility's base rates shall be deter-
2 mined at the time of general rate adjustment under
3 section 64 or 296 and shall be based upon the
4 utility's reasonable costs of fuel during the test
5 year used for the rate adjustment. The amount
6 included in a utility's base rates shall be billed at
7 a single uniform rate per kilowatt hour for all cus-
8 tomers of the electric utility.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This bill provides that the per-kilowatt-hour
11 fuel charges for all fuel costs be applied uniformly
12 to all customers of an electric utility. Currently,
13 Title 35, section 131, subsection 5, provides that
14 there shall be a single uniform rate per kilowatt
15 hour for all customers for the fuel cost adjustment
16 portion of the total fuel cost. This bill extends
17 that concept to that portion of the fuel costs which
18 are included in base rates such that all fuel costs
19 will be treated in a similar manner.

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