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

No. 1905

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7 H.P. 1453

House of Representatives, January 10, 1984

8 Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Reference to the Committee on Public Utilities is suggested and ordered
printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGowan of Pittsfield

Cosponsors: Representative Ridley of Shapleigh and Representative
Handy of Lewiston.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Allowing Revenues from
18 Interruptible Gas Sales to be Credited
19 to the Cost of Gas.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 35 MRSA §132, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
24 600, is amended to read:

25 3. Scope of adjustment. Changes in the cost of
26 gas purchased by the gas company for use in the State
27 shall constitute the only items subject to adjust-
28 ment, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the com-
29 mission under this section, except that the commis-
30 sion may amend its regulation promulgated pursuant to
31 this section to allow for the inclusion in the cost
32 of gas adjustment of revenues from sales of gas on an
33 interruptible basis.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission
3 to include revenues from interruptible gas sales in
4 the cost of gas adjustment. Presently these revenues
5 have to be estimated and a reasonable allowance made
6 when setting base rates. Since the future level of
7 interruptible gas sales is very difficult to predict,
8 this estimation process leaves open the possibility
9 of either a revenue shortfall or a windfall to gas
10 companies. This bill cures that problem by allowing
11 the commission to include revenues from these sales
12 in the cost of gas adjustment.

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