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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2053
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7 S.P. 749

In Senate, February 6, 1984

8 Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule
9 24.

10 Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Hayden of Durham and Representative
Andrews of Portland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Authorize the Public
18 Utilities Commission to Institute
19 Performance Standards for Electric
20 Generating Stations.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 35 MRSA, §131, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

25 10. Efficiency standards for electric generating
26 stations. The commission shall promulgate reasonable
27 standards by which the performance of electric gener-
28 ating stations, in which an electric utility has an
29 entitlement, may be measured.

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 The Public Utilities Commission is required to
32 determine the reasonable cost of fuel which is to be

1 collected from ratepayers as part of the cost of pro-
2 viding them with electricity. The cost of fuel is
3 very substantial and is dependent upon both the price
4 of the fuel and upon the efficiency of the generating
5 plant that uses that fuel. Currently, the commission
6 does not generally determine whether a generating
7 plant is using fuel efficiently and does not make a
8 thorough determination as to whether the fuel cost is
9 reasonable. If reasonable performance standards were
10 instituted, then the commission and the utilities
11 would be able to judge whether or not the plant was
12 operating in a sound manner and whether the costs of
13 providing electricity were reasonable.

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