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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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7 H.P. 1314

House of Representatives, January 13, 1986

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative McHenry of Madawaska.

Cosponsored by Representative Clark of Millinocket, Senator Andrews of
Cumberland and Representative Richard of Madison.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities
18 Commission to Require an Electric
19 Utility to Submit a Long-range Energy
20 Plan.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §13-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
25 1981, c. 673, §2, is amended to read:

26 1. Filing by electric companies. Every electric
27 company whose total sales of electric energy for pur-
28 poses other than resale exceeded 300 million kilowatt
29 hours during any calendar year beginning after Decem-
30 ber 31, 1980, may submit to the Public Utilities Com-
31 mission a long-range energy plan for the 15-year pe-
32 riod subsequent to the date the plan is submitted.
33 The commission may order an electric company to sub-
34 mit a long-range energy plan or an update or modifi-
35 cation to an energy plan no earlier than 2 months af-
36 ter the date of the order. Unless the plan is being

1 submitted pursuant to an order, the electric company
2 shall give the commission 2 months' advance notice of
3 the submission, which notice the commission may
4 waive. This plan shall include the company's annual
5 peak-load forecasts, annual energy forecasts, projected
6 annual fuel mix type and location of proposed
7 generating facilities and alternatives, type and
8 route of major proposed transmission lines and alter-
9 natives, and an analysis of the cost and financing of
10 the plan, together with such other information as the
11 commission may by rule require. The plan shall list
12 and describe all the assumptions used by the company
13 in formulating the plan required by this section.

14 Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §13-C, sub-§4 is enacted to
15 read:

16 4. Filing fee. When the long-range energy plan
17 or an update or modification to the energy plan is
18 submitted, the electric company shall pay to the com-
19 mission \$50,000. The electric company may, at the
20 time it files its 2-month notice or at least one
21 month before submitting a plan pursuant to an order,
22 request the commission to waive all or a portion of
23 the filing fee. The commission shall rule on the re-
24 quest for waiver within 30 days. Notwithstanding any
25 other provision of law, filing fees paid as required
26 in this subsection shall be segregated, apportioned
27 and expended by the commission for the purposes of
28 this section. Any portion of the filing fee that is
29 received from any electric company and is not ex-
30 pended by the commission to process its review of the
31 long-range energy plan shall be returned to the com-
32 pany.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 In 1982, the Legislature enacted the Maine Re-
3 vised Statutes, Title 35, section 13-C, which pro-
4 vided that major electric companies could submit a
5 long-range energy plan to the Public Utilities Com-
6 mission for its approval. An approved plan may form
7 the basis for the commission's approval, under the
8 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35, section 13-B, of
9 the construction, purchase or conversion of electric
10 generating facilities. Although an approved long-
11 range energy plan will be of benefit for purposes of
12 state energy planning as well as proceedings, under
13 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35, section 13-B,
14 no electric company has submitted a plan since the
15 enactment of Title 35, section 13-C. This bill au-
16 thorizes the commission to order an electric company
17 to submit a plan on 2 months' notice. The bill also
18 provides for a filing fee, as existing under Title
19 35, sections 13-A and 13-B, to assist in covering the
20 cost of the commission's review of a plan.

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