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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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	S.P. 394 In Senate, April 10, 198
(Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.
	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town, Representative VOSE of Eastport.
•	STATE OF MAINE
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
•	AN ACT Relating to Electric Rate Design for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Classes.
	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
5	Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §69-A is enacted to read:
ā	In considering or assuring rate design stability, as defined in section 15, subsection 15-A, in connection with any proposed electric rate design change

under section 69, 94 or 294, the commission must follow the procedures of this section.

- 1 l. Public hearing on economic impact. The commission shall give reasonable notice and hold a public hearing and make investigation as to the economic impact of the proposed change on customers in each class, as well as the cost of providing service to the various customer classes.
- 7 2. Exception. For any proposed rate design or change which does not result in a percentage change in the average rate for any customer class differing from the percentage change in the average rate for all customer classes by more than 10%, this section shall not create any requirement for public hearing in addition to the other provisions of this Title.

- 3. Commission order. In its order in any proceeding covered by this section, the commission shall consider the economic impact of the proposed change on customers in each class.
- Sec. 2. Reopening hearings. Any commission order issued before the effective date of this Act and after January 1, 1986, which otherwise would be subject to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35, section 69-A, is suspended for 90 days from the effective date of this Act for hearing under Title 35, section 69-A. Prior to the end of the suspension period the commission shall issue, based on the revised record, a revised order or reaffirm the original order.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In recent years, legislation had been enacted to promote industrial stability, Public Law 1985, chapter 433, and to clarify rate design stability, Public Law 1985, chapter 635. The purpose of those laws was to ensure that the implementation of rate design changes would not be of a magnitude or on a schedule which is seriously adverse to any existing class of customers.

The purpose of this bill is to require the Public Utilities Commission to hold public hearings and base its decision in such cases on the economic impact as well as the cost of service for each class. The bill

1	also requires the Public Utilities Commission to	re-
2	open rate design cases decided after January 1,	
3	in order to incorporate this requirement into	those
4	decisions.	

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