

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

(New Draft of H.P. 492, L.D. 662)
(New Title)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1756

H.P. 1283 House of Representatives, June 8, 1987
Reported by Representative VOSE from the Committee on
Utilities and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored by Representative VOSE of
Eastport. Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Concerning Wholesale Power Purchases
by Consumer-owned Electric Utilities.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
follows:

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3133, sub-§7-A is enacted to
read:**

7-A. Consumer-owned electric utilities. Exten-
sions of existing wholesale power purchase arrange-
ments by consumer-owned electric utilities, as de-
fined in section 3501, subject to Federal Energy Reg-
ulatory Commission review with respect to rates, are
exempt from prior review under this section.

1 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3134, sub-§4 is enacted to
2 read:

3 4. Plans of consumer-owned electric utilities.
4 The commission may order the filing of a long-range
5 energy plan, comparable to the plan authorized in
6 this section, by a consumer-owned electric utility,
7 as defined in section 3501. The order shall allow
8 sufficient time for its preparation. A consumer-owned
9 utility may file a comparable plan on its own initia-
10 tive. Any plan submitted under this subsection may
11 be filed in concert with other consumer-owned elec-
12 tric utilities. A plan is comparable to a plan oth-
13 erwise authorized in this section if it provides the
14 same or similar data to the fullest extent possible,
15 taking into account the size and resources of the
16 consumer-owned utility.

17 The plan shall be reviewed by the commission in ac-
18 cordance with subsection 2. If a plan has been ap-
19 proved by the commission, the consumer-owned electric
20 utility shall not agree to the extension of an exist-
21 ing wholesale power contract, exempted from prior re-
22 view under section 3133, which is not consistent with
23 the plan.

1

STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The new draft adds to present law provision for
3 Public Utilities Commission approval of a long-range
4 energy plan for any consumer-owned electric utility,
5 filed on the utility's own initiative or pursuant to
6 commission order. A consumer-owned electric utility
7 is prohibited from agreeing to an extension of an ex-
8 isting wholesale power contract, which is exempted
9 from prior review if the extension is inconsistent
10 with an approved plan.

11 As in the original bill, extensions of existing
12 wholesale power contracts by consumer-owned electric
13 utilities which are subject to review by the Federal
14 Energy Regulatory Commission are exempt from prior
15 review by the Public Utilities Commission under the
16 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3133,
17 formerly Title 35, section 13-B.

18

2843060187