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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1768

H.P. 1290 House of Representatives, June 8, 1987
Reported by the Minority from the Committee on Utilities
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Original bill sponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Cape
Elizabeth. Cosponsored by Representatives CLARK of
Millinocket, BRAGG of Sidney, and Senator BALDACCI of
Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Prohibit Initial Service Charges by
2 Public Utilities.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3153, as enacted by PL 1987,
7 c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

8 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3153-A is enacted to read:

9 §3153-A. Public Utilities Commission to develop pro-
10 posals to improve electric utility rate de-
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12 1. Proposals and programs developed. The com-
13 mission, as it determines appropriate, shall order

1 electric utilities to develop and submit specific
2 rate design proposals and related programs for imple-
3 menting energy conservation techniques and innova-
4 tions, either in conjunction with or independent of
5 any rate-making proceeding pending before the commis-
6 sion. The proposals, as the commission determines,
7 shall be designed to encourage energy conservation,
8 minimize the need for new electrical generating ca-
9 capacity and minimize costs of electricity to consum-
10 ers, and shall include, but not be limited to, propos-
11 als which provide for the development and imple-
12 mentation of:

13 A. Load management techniques;

14 B. Rates which reflect marginal costs of ser-
15 vices at different voltages, times of day or sea-
16 sons of the year, including long-run marginal
17 costs associated with the construction of new
18 electric generating facilities;

19 C. Policies which encourage economic use of fuel
20 and the maximum efficient utilization of natural
21 energy resources indigenous to the State;

22 D. Rates or other regulatory policies which en-
23 courage electric utility system reliability; and

24 E. Electric utility financing or subsidization
25 of capital improvements undertaken by ratepayers
26 to conserve electricity used by the ratepayers in
27 the future.

28 2. Hook-up fee prohibited. No electric utility
29 may impose a hook-up fee for the installation or
30 upgrade of an electrical service entrance, except for
31 recovery of the actual direct cost of providing that
32 service entrance.

33 Sec. 3. Refund. The Public Utilities Commission
34 shall provide by rule or order for the refund to the
35 paying customer of any hook-up fee collected on or
36 after May 1, 1987, which would not have been permit-
37 ted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
38 section 3153-A, subsection 2, as enacted by this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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The Public Utilities Commission approved a hook-up fee for new service entrances exceeding 100 amperes in order to contribute to the cost of future generating capacity. This new draft clarifies and extends the intent of the bill, to prohibit such fees.

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Utilities may continue to charge customers for the actual direct cost of line extension and installation required to provide service.

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