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3 STATE OF MAINE 4 SENATE 5 113TH LEGISLATURE 6 SECOND REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 745, L.D. 2004, 7 Bill, "AN ACT to Make Changes to the Public Utilities 8 9 Law." 10 Amend the bill in section 3, in subsection 4-A, in the 9th line (page 3, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined words "provide any" the 11 12 13 underlined words 'readily available' Further amend the bill in section 4, in subsection 9, in the 16th line (page 3, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "any" the 14 15 16 underlined word 'one' 17 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following: 18 19 20 'Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §7503, sub-§1, as enacted by 21 PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed and the 22 following enacted in its place: 23 Placement of public telephones. Any person placing public telephones in any building after 24 December 31, 1983, shall provide that at least one public telephone is wheelchair accessible if the building has an entrance which is wheelchair 25 26 27 28 accessible. 29 If a building in which one or more public telephones

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are located becomes wheelchair accessible after December 31, 1983, the subscriber shall notify the person placing the public telephones and that person shall replace at least one public telephone with a 1 2 3 4 5 telephone which is wheelchair accessible. 6 Any public telephone placed before January 1, 1984, 7 shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section.' 8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following: 9 'Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §7503, sub-§3 is enacted to 10 11 read: Definitions. For purposes of this section, 12 3._ unless the context otherwise indicates, the following 13 14 terms have the following meanings. A. "Public telephone" means a telephone located in a public place or in an area to which the 15 16 public is invited and which is intended for use by 17 the public. 18 B. "Wheelchair accessible" means meeting the most recent applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute for accessibility by 19 20 21 22 the physically handicapped at the time of

23 placement.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This amendment makes the following changes:

1. It provides that information that must be made available by consumer-owned water utilities upon request of a customer or the public advocate during an expedited rate increase is limited to information which is "readily available" to the utility. It also provides that only one adult per household may sign a petition to the Public Utilities Commission to review the utility's rates; and

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2. It also makes changes in the requirement of
handicapped accessibility for public telephones.

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