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SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to S.P. 936, L.D. 2395, Bill, "An Act Regarding Industrial Electrical Rates"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, interruptible resources can and should constitute an important component of energy conservation and planning efforts in this State; and

Whereas, it is important for the State immediately to establish a clear mandate that interruptible resources be viewed as a viable and valuable conservation and planning tool in order to ensure that the maximum benefits achievable with this tool are realized; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3154, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Interruptible rates. In any general rate design case

2 pending on or initiated after April 1, 1992, the commission shall
4 determine interruptible rates consistent with and by reference to
6 its determination of utility capacity costs. Interruptible rates
8 must be designed so as to encourage the long-term availability of
10 interruptible resources, including interruptible options for all
12 customer classes.'

14 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the
16 following:

18 **'Sec. 3. Application.** The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
20 section 3154, subsection 7 does not apply to the Public Utilities
22 Commission rate design case, Docket #89-68, involving Central
24 Maine Power Company.'

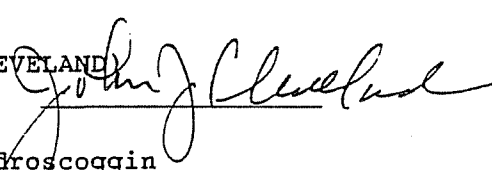
26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This amendment strikes and replaces the emergency preamble
30 to the bill.

32 This amendment also strikes and replaces section 1 of the
34 bill. Substantively, this amendment refines the applicability of
36 the interruptible rate provisions of this bill. Under this
38 amendment, the Public Utilities Commission will not be required
40 to follow the new provisions concerning the establishment of
42 interruptible rates in the rate design case involving Central
44 Maine Power since that case will be largely completed on April 1,
46 1992. The commission will be required to follow these provisions
in other rate design cases pending on or initiated after April 1,
1992.

This amendment removes specific reference to peaking
capacity costs to allow the commission to consider all utility
capacity costs in setting interruptible rates.

This amendment makes other clarifications.

42 (Senator CLEVELAND)
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