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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 312

S.P. 111

In Senate, February 4, 1993

**An Act to Establish a Surplus Energy Program.**

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Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

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

2                    Sec. 1. 35-A MRS §3154, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

4                    8. Incentive rates. Upon petition or on its own motion, the  
6                    commission shall consider and, if it finds a utility has  
8                    substantial surplus energy capacity, shall adopt an incentive  
                   rate tariff consistent with the following.

10                    A. The incentive rate is offered only on a short-term basis.

12                    B. The incentive rate is offered only while the utility has  
14                    surplus energy capacity and is discontinued when there is no  
                   longer a surplus.

16                    C. The incentive rate is available only for new uses of  
18                    electricity, as defined by the commission by rule.

20                    D. The incentive rate is interruptible and terminable to  
                   ensure that only surplus energy is sold at an incentive rate.

22                    The incentive rate may be used to encourage demonstration fleets  
24                    of electric cars, provided the rate is consistent with this  
26                    subsection. For purposes of this subsection, "incentive rate"  
                   means any special discount rate designed to increase utility load  
                   for any period during which the utility has excess energy  
28                    capacity.

30                    **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32                    This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to  
34                    establish an incentive rate program for electric utilities and  
36                    limits the commission's authority in implementing the program.  
                   The program must be of limited scope and duration and be designed  
                   to encourage economic use of surplus electric utility energy  
                   capacity.