

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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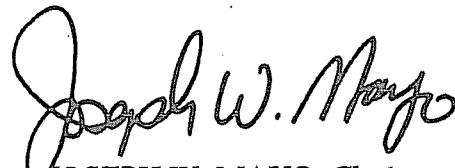
House of Representatives, May 10, 1993

**An Act to Improve the Business Climate in the State by Making Power Available at a Lower Rate.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLEMENT of Clinton, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford,  
GWADOSKY of Fairfield, JACQUES of Waterville.

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

4 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA c. 31, sub-c. VIII is enacted to read:

6 SUBCHAPTER VIII

8 BUSINESS ENTITIES

10 §3211. Sale to business entities

12 1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the  
context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the  
following meanings.

14 A. "Business entity" means a business, firm, partnership or  
corporation that employs 200 or more employees.

18 2. Sales. Notwithstanding this Title, an electric utility  
may negotiate and enter a contract for the sale of and sell  
electricity to a business enterprise without review by the  
commission.

22 3. Wheeling. Notwithstanding this Title, a utility may not  
charge a fee for transmitting or wheeling electricity via its  
facilities to a business entity for electricity that is purchased  
pursuant to this section.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This bill allows an electric utility and a business entity  
32 of 200 or more employees to freely negotiate for the direct  
purchase of electricity by the business entity without review by  
34 the Public Utilities Commission. The bill also provides that a  
utility may not charge a fee for the use of its facilities to  
36 transmit or wheel the electricity to the business entity  
purchaser.