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S.P. 618

In Senate, January 13, 1994

An Act to Encourage Innovation and Competitiveness by Electric Utilities.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: GOULD of Waldo, VOSE of Washington, Representative:
DONNELLY of Presque Isle.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §112, sub-§5 is enacted to read:**

6 **5. Written confidentiality agreements. The following provisions apply to electric utilities and the commission.**

8 **A. The electric utility may request in writing that information the commission requires the utility to submit be kept confidential and not be open to public inspection outside of the commission if the information concerns the marketing of electricity, including efforts to retain or increase the electrical load.**

14 **B. The commission has access to all the information for inspection; however, the commission shall agree in writing to keep confidential information for which confidentiality is requested under paragraph A.**

20 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

22 This bill encourages competitiveness and innovation among
24 public electric utilities by allowing certain information
26 considered competitively sensitive to be kept confidential to the
28 Public Utilities Commission. An electric utility must request
writing and the commission must respond in
writing.

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34 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
36 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.