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House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

An Act to Allow Electric Power to be Purchased by Ski Resorts at the Lowest Profitable Rate.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

GOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOULD of Greenville.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3183 is enacted to read:	
§3183. Sale of electricity to ski resorts	
 Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings. 	Ĩ
A. "Ski resort" means any system of maintained, downhill sk:	
<u>slopes and associated equipment and buildings operated for profit.</u>	<u>r</u>
2. Sales of electricity. Notwithstanding any other	r
provision of law, a person generating electric power in this	<u>s</u>
State may contract to sell that electric power to a person operating a ski resort in this State for the purpose of supplying	
the electric power needs of the ski resort.	3
3. Wheeling. Upon request of a person contracting to	
purchase or sell electric power pursuant to subsection 2, as	
electric utility shall enter into an agreement to provide transmission service to carry the electric power from the	
contracting seller to the contracting purchaser over the	
utility's facilities. If the utility and the person requestion	
transmission service can not reach an agreement, either ma	
petition the commission to establish the terms and condition	
under which the transmission service must be provided. I petitioned, the commission shall issue an order within 3 month.	
of receipt of the petition directing the utility to provide	
transmission service. The commission shall establish reasonable	
terms and conditions and the rate for the transmission service	
based upon the direct costs to the utility of providing the	e
service.	
4. Exemption. A person who is not otherwise an electri	
utility but who contracts to sell or who sells electric powe	
pursuant to subsection 2 is not considered an electric utilit and is not subject to regulation as an electric utility unde	
this Title.	<u>ه</u> .
STATEMENT OF FACT	
This bill allows any person generating electricity in thi	s
State to contract to sell power to a ski resort without thereb	
becoming a regulated electric utility. Under the bill, a electric utility is required to wheel or to provide transmissio	
services between the generator and the ski resort. In cases o	f
dispute between a utility and a person requesting transmissio service, the Public Utilities Commission shall establish th terms and conditions of the wheeling agreement.	
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