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L.D. 1420

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**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

8 Reported by: Senator CARPENTER of York for the Committee.

10 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary  
of the Senate.

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 522, L.D. 1420, Bill, "An  
Act to Permit Consumer-owned Utilities to Seek Rate Reductions"

22 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

24 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
26 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

28 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
30 statement of fact the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

34 The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor  
36 additional costs to hold certain hearings. These costs can be  
absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

40 This bill allows consumer-owned water utilities and  
42 consumer-owned electric utilities to reduce rates through certain  
procedures without going through formal rate cases at the Public  
Utilities Commission. These utilities can currently increase  
44 rates using these procedures. The bill proposed to permit a  
consumer-owned electric utility to use these procedures to

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2 decrease rates no more frequently than once in a year. This  
amendment leaves in place current law, which prohibits using  
4 these procedures to achieve more than one general increase in  
rates per year. Under this amendment, a consumer-owned electric  
6 utility can reduce rates as often as it chooses using these  
procedures.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**