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S.P. 82

In Senate, January 21, 1997

An Act to Permit the Public Utilities Commission to Exempt Certain Telephone Utilities from Obtaining Approval to Serve.

Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy 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 CAREY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor and
Representative: TAYLOR of Cumberland.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §2102, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

6 3. Exemption for certain telephone utilities. The
8 commission may exempt a specified telephone utility or group of
10 telephone utilities from obtaining the approval required by
12 subsection 1 if the commission finds that the exemption will not
14 result in unjust or unreasonable rates or inadequate service for
16 any telephone utility customers. The commission may limit the
18 exemption to specified geographic areas. A telephone utility
20 that is exempt from the approval requirement of subsection 1:

22 A. Before commencing service, shall notify the commission
24 of its intent to commence the exempted service and provide
26 any other information the commission may require;

28 B. Shall obtain the approval of the commission under
30 subsection 1 to provide any service other than the services
32 specified in the exemption granted by the commission under
34 this subsection; and

36 C. Remains subject to any other applicable provisions of
38 this Title and commission rules.

SUMMARY

40 This bill permits the Public Utilities Commission to exempt
42 certain telephone utilities from the statutory requirement to
44 obtain approval before commencing service. An exemption may be
46 granted only when the commission finds that unjust or
48 unreasonable rates will not result from granting the exemption.