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In Senate, January 14, 1998

An Act to Protect Customers of Consumer-owned Utilities.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk and
Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, LaFOUNTAIN of York, MICHAUD of Penobscot,
PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, DRISCOLL of Calais,
RICHARD of Madison, SIROIS of Caribou.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRS**A §3212, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
316, §3, is amended to read:

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8 When retail access begins, the commission shall ensure that
standard-offer service is available to all consumers of
10 electricity. This provision does not apply to consumer-owned
transmission and distribution utilities that purchase capacity
and energy for their service territories through a competitive
12 bidding process and whose cost is no greater than standard-offer
service obtained by the commission.

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SUMMARY

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18 This bill amends the laws governing electric industry
restructuring by providing that the provision that requires the
Public Utilities Commission to ensure that standard-offer service
20 is available to all consumers of electricity when retail access
begins does not apply to consumer-owned transmission and
22 distribution utilities that purchase capacity and energy through
competitive bidding and whose cost is no greater than
24 standard-offer service obtained by the commission.