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No. 2267

S.P. 854

In Senate, March 10, 1998

An Act to Amend the Charter of Great Northern Paper, Inc..

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy 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 MICHAUD of Penobscot. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: CROSS of
Dover-Foxcroft, JONES of Bar Harbor, JOY of Crystal, KONTOS of Windham, STANLEY
of Medway, USHER of Westbrook.

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

Sec. 1. Sale of electricity. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A or the provisions of any private and special law enacted prior to the effective date of this Act, including Private and Special Law 1917, chapter 94, section 2 and Private and Special Law 1969, chapter 62, Great Northern Paper, Inc. and its successors in interest are authorized to continue to furnish electricity over electric lines with a total continuous transfer capacity not to exceed 251 megawatts to and from the pulp and paper production and related facilities that are located in the Town of Millinocket, referred to throughout this Act as "those facilities," whether or not those facilities are owned by Great Northern Paper, Inc. Since Great Northern Paper, Inc. has not been considered prior to the effective date of this Act an "electric utility" for purposes of furnishing electricity to and from those facilities, neither Great Northern Paper, Inc. nor its successors in interest may be considered an "electric utility," as that term is defined in Title 35-A, for purposes of continuing to furnish electricity to and from those facilities, but it is subject to the laws of general applicability as otherwise may apply to persons engaged in the business of selling electricity in the State.

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that Great Northern Paper, Inc. has the authority to continue furnishing electricity to the Millinocket mill facilities even after any sale of the Millinocket mill facilities to a 3rd party and provides for the regulatory treatment of that contractual relationship.