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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 229, L.D. 333, Bill, "An
20	Act to Amend the Charter of the Department of Electric Works Within the Town of Madison"
22	Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:
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26	'Sec. 2. P&SL 1975, c. 53, §8 is amended to read:
20	Sec. 8. Borrowing, generally. The town is hereby authorized to
28	borrow amounts of money by the issuance of its general obligation
30	securities for its electric works <u>department</u> for any purpose allowed by law, after vote by the town. Except as otherwise provided herein <u>in this section</u> , said <u>the</u> borrowings shall <u>must</u>
32	be made under authority of the <u>Maine</u> Revised Statutes, Title 39 <u>30-A</u> as amended. All of said the borrowing shall must be
34	approved by the board of directors of the electric works and, unless the vote authorizing such securities otherwise provides,
36	bonds and notes shall <u>must</u> be signed by the municipal officers and by the board of directors of the electric works of the town
38	and by the treasurer of said that town; provided, however, that coupons need may be signed by the treasurer only.
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42	Sec. 3. P&SL 1975, c. 53, §10, first paragraph is amended to read:
	Sec. 10. Moneys of electric works. All moneys received from
44	electric works <u>department</u> receipts, notes, bonds or other sources
46	in connection with said the electric works department shall must be deposited in such banks or depositories as the board of directors of the electric works shalldetermine

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<u>determines</u>, in separate accounts entitled "Town of Madison
 Electric Works Department," and all withdrawals from said <u>those</u> accounts shall <u>must</u> be over or upon the orders or warrants of the board of directors of the electric works, said <u>these</u> warrants and orders to be directed to the town treasurer. The treasurer of
 said <u>that</u> town shall execute and carry out all such orders and warrants.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of 10 the first paragraph of section 11 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 11. Directors to establish rates. A11 individuals, 14 partnerships, firms and corporations, whether private, public or municipal, shall pay the rate established by the board of 16 directors for the electricity or natural gas used by them, and the rates for electricity or natural gas so supplied shall must be uniform within the territory supplied by the electric works 18 wherever the cost of services, including the cost of installation lines 20 maintenance transmission and apparatus for and of distribution of electric power and--the--eest--ef--services or pipelines, mains and apparatus for distribution of natural gas is 22 substantially uniform, but nothing in this Act shall-proclude 24 said precludes those directors, with the approval of the Public Utilities Commission, from establishing higher rates than the 26 regular rates in sections where, for any reason, the cost of construction and maintenance or the cost of service exceeds the 28 average, but such the higher rates shall must be uniform throughout the section where they apply. All rates shall-be are 30 subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission and shall must be so established as to provide revenue for the 32 following purposes:'

34 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

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'Sec. 4. P&SL 1975, c. 53, §12 is amended to read:

Sec. 12. Electric works subject to Public Utilities Commission.
Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal nor shall may be construed as repealing the whole or any part of any existing
statute; and all rights and duties herein mentioned shall must be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable
provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35 35-A as amended.

Sec. 5. P&SL 1975, c. 53, §14, first paragraph is amended to read:

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Sec. 14. Duties of superintendent. Subject to any specific limitations imposed by the board of directors pursuant to section 9 hereof, the superintendent shall--be is responsible for the daily administration and operation of the electric works department.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any 8 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively. 10

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the 12 summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with a minor expansion of 18 regulation responsibilities of the Public Utilities Commission can be absorbed by the commission utilizing existing budgeted 20 resources.'

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## **SUMMARY**

This amendment makes certain technical corrections to the 26 bill and makes several further changes to the Madison Electric Works charter to clarify and update certain provisions of the 28 charter.

30 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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