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In Senate, January 21, 1999

Resolve, to Ensure Proper Funding of the Public Utilities Commission.

(EMERGENCY)

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.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** it is necessary that the Public Utilities
Commission have sufficient funds to carry out its statutory
obligations; and

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10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

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16 **Sec. 1. Use of unexpended funds. Resolved:** That,
notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section
116, subsection 5, the Public Utilities Commission may expend in
18 fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01, for the purposes
specified in Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 4, 100% of any
unexpended funds remaining at the end of the prior fiscal year.
Treatment of funds not expended at the end of the 2000-01 fiscal
22 year is governed by Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 5.

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

30 This resolve permits the Public Utilities Commission to roll
over into the following fiscal year 100% of any unexpended funds
remaining at the end of both the 1999-00 fiscal year and the
32 2000-01 fiscal year.