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119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 547, L.D. 768, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 301: Standard Office Service, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 301: Standard Offer Service, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Adoption with amendment. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 301: Standard Offer Service, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission and submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized only if the rule is amended substantially in accordance with the changes to the rule indicated on the attachment to the letter from the Public Utilities Commission to the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy dated March 16, 1999. A copy of that letter and the attachment must be filed with Secretary of State as part of the written statement required under Title 5, section 8052, subsection 5 explaining the factual and policy basis for the rule. The changes shown in the attachment to the letter make the following changes to the provisionally adopted rule:

- 1. Establish standard offer classes and require providers to bid separately on each class;
- 2.
- 3. Set the initial period of the standard offer at one year;
- 4.
- 5. Assign responsibility for uncollectibles to standard offer providers;
- 6.
- 7. Provide for electric utilities to arrange standard offer service in cases where the Public Utilities Commission determines there is a lack of sufficient bids; and
- 8.
- 9. Make the rule consistent with other Public Utilities Commission rules governing interactions between providers and electric utilities.

The Public Utilities Commission is not required to hold hearings or conduct other formal proceedings prior to finally adopting the rule in accordance with this resolve.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor additional costs to administer and enforce provisions related to standard offer service. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to finally adopt its rule, Chapter 301: Standard Offer Service, provided it makes changes to the rule that accomplish the following:

- 1. Establish standard offer classes and require providers to bid separately on each class;
- 2.
- 3. Set the initial period of the standard offer at one year;
- 4.
- 5. Assign responsibility for uncollectibles to standard offer providers;
- 6.
- 7. Provide for electric utilities to arrange standard offer service in cases where the Public Utilities Commission determines there is a lack of sufficient bids; and

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2 5. Make the rule consistent with other commission rules
governing interactions between providers and electric utilities.

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT