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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 857, L.D. 1214, Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Release of Information to a Competitive Electricity Provider"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§16-A is enacted to read:

16-A. Customer information. A transmission and distribution utility may not release any customer-specific information to a licensed competitive electricity provider unless the provider produces sufficient evidence, as defined by the commission by rule, that the provider has obtained the customer's authorization.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3205, sub-§3, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is repealed.'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor additional costs to adopt a rule related to the release of certain information by utilities. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the bill. Under this amendment, a transmission and distribution utility may not release any customer-specific information to a licensed competitive electricity provider unless the provider produces sufficient evidence, as defined by the commission by routine technical rule, that the provider has obtained the customer's authorization. This amendment repeals a provision of law that prohibited large transmission and distribution utilities from releasing propriety customer information without prior written authorization of the customer. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.