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House of Representatives, February 8, 2005

An Act To Limit Increases in Telephone or Electric Service Rates to a Maximum of 3% Annually

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BROWNE of Vassalboro, JENNINGS of Leeds, JOY of
Crystal, PARADIS of Frenchville, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TUTTLE
of Sanford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §315** is enacted to read:

6 **§315. Limitation on telephone and electric rates**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, rates set
10 by the commission for a telephone utility may not increase for
12 any customer by more than 3% in any 12-month period.
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the commission
16 shall ensure that the total of the regulated rate for
18 transmission and distribution service plus any stranded costs
20 charge plus the charge for standard-offer service established
22 pursuant to section 3212 does not increase for any customer by
24 more than 3% in any 12-month period.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill provides that rates set by the Public Utilities
Commission for a telephone utility may not increase for any
customer by more than 3% in any 12-month period. It also
requires the commission to ensure that the total of the regulated
rate for transmission and distribution service plus any stranded
costs charge plus the charge for standard-offer service
established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A,
section 3212 does not increase for any customer by more than 3%
in any 12-month period.