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House of Representatives, January 4, 2006

An Act To Protect Maine's Electricity Consumers

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, DUDLEY of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, EBERLE of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FLETCHER of Winslow, HARLOW of Portland, LERMAN of Augusta, MARLEY of Portland, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3215, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6 3. Withdrawal from independent system operator. If the
8 commission finds that the interests of Maine electricity
10 consumers cannot otherwise be adequately protected, the
12 commission may, as permitted by law, require transmission and
14 distribution utilities within its jurisdiction to withdraw from
16 participation in the system of any independent system operator.

SUMMARY

18 This bill provides that if the Public Utilities Commission
20 finds that the interests of Maine electricity consumers cannot
 otherwise be adequately protected, the commission may, as
 permitted by law, require transmission and distribution utilities
 within its jurisdiction to withdraw from participation in the
 system of any independent system operator.