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**An Act To Require Utilities and Competitive Service Providers To
Pay Interest on Overestimates of Electric Power Bills**

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 NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland and
Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, PIEH of Bremen.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3105** is enacted to read:

3 **§3105. Interest on overestimated usage**

4 The commission shall, by rule, require transmission and distribution utilities and
5 competitive service providers that overestimate electric power usage for customer billing
6 purposes to pay the customer accrued interest of 5% on the difference between the
7 amount billed for actual usage and the amount billed for any overestimated usage. Rules
8 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter
9 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

11 This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules that
12 require transmission and distribution utilities and competitive service providers to pay
13 customers accrued interest of 5% on any amount billed for overestimated usage resulting
14 from an estimated electric power bill.