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An Act To Decrease Energy Costs on Swans Island and Frenchboro

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.

Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and

Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BLISS of South

Portland, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FITTS of Pittsfield, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor,

MILLS of Farmington, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5	Whereas, the reduction of the cost of providing electric service on Swans Island and the Town of Frenchboro's islands must be resolved before the end of the legislative session; and
6 7 8 9	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
10	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
11 12 13 14 15 16	Sec. 1. Swans Island and the Town of Frenchboro's islands electric cooperative; authority to sell power under certain circumstances. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3207, subsection 1, paragraph B, the electric cooperative on Swans Island and the Town of Frenchboro's islands, a consumer-owned transmission and distribution company, may sell wholesale generation service in order to reduce its cost of providing retail service. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
19	SUMMARY
20 21 22	This bill allows the island electric cooperative on Swans Island and the Town of Frenchboro's islands to sell wholesale generation service to reduce its cost of providing retail service.