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**No. 1349**

H.P. 950

House of Representatives, March 31, 2009

### **An Act To Streamline Ratemaking for Consumer-owned Water Utilities**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLANCHARD of Old Town.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: DOSTIE of Sabattus, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LEGG of Kennebunk,  
MARTIN of Orono, VALENTINO of Saco, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, WAGNER of  
Lyman.

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

2                                   **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3                                   **SUMMARY**

4               This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5               The purpose of this bill is to give a consumer-owned water utility the authority to  
6       decrease its rates or to increase its rates between 3% and 5% without the changes being  
7       subject to investigation and suspension by the Public Utilities Commission before the  
8       changes go into effect. However, the increase or decrease in rates may not be more than  
9       a total of 10% during a 5-year period.