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H.P. 211

House of Representatives, February 7, 2013

**Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Review
Certain Electricity Distribution Charges Assessed on Businesses**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DUNPHY of Embden,
GIDEON of Freeport, LIBBY of Waterboro, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, RUSSELL of
Portland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

1 **Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to review distribution charge.**

2 **Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall review the 25-kilowatt
3 distribution charge assessed against businesses that use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity
4 at any time in a 12-month period to determine whether it is equitable and justifiable to
5 remove this charge for a business for a month in which the business does not use 25
6 kilowatts or more of electricity if the business did not use 25 kilowatts or more of
7 electricity in the same month in the previous year. The Public Utilities Commission shall
8 report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
9 no later than December 4, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
10 Technology may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second
11 Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This resolve requires the Public Utilities Commission to review the 25-kilowatt
14 distribution charge assessed against businesses that use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity
15 at any time in a 12-month period to determine whether it is equitable and justifiable to
16 remove this charge for a business for a month in which the business does not use 25
17 kilowatts or more of electricity if the business did not use 25 kilowatts or more of
18 electricity in the same month in the previous year. The Public Utilities Commission is
19 required to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
20 Technology no later than December 4, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy,
21 Utilities and Technology may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to
22 the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.