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House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

An Act To Increase Access to Natural Gas

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Embden.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITTEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, DAVIS of Sangerville, DORNEY of Norridgewock,
HARVELL of Farmington, LONG of Sherman, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, McCLELLAN of
Raymond, NADEAU of Winslow.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §2304, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is
3 amended to read:

4 Every gas utility organized under section 2101 for the purposes named in that section
5 may lay its pipes in, along and under the roads and streets in any municipality in which it
6 is authorized to supply gas, subject to the conditions and restrictions provided in this
7 chapter and chapter 25. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, if a gas utility
8 organized under section 2101 for the purposes named in that section is authorized as of
9 March 1, 2013 to supply gas in a geographic area but is not serving customers in that area
10 and will not guarantee to serve those customers within 12 months of a request to serve
11 customers in that area, that gas utility shall allow another gas utility authorized to serve
12 customers in this State to interconnect to its existing pipes and shall provide wholesale
13 service to that interconnecting gas utility for the purpose of serving customers in that
14 area.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires a gas utility organized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
17 35-A, section 2101 for the purposes named in that section that is authorized to supply gas
18 in a geographic area as of March 1, 2013 but is not serving customers in that area and will
19 not guarantee to serve those customers within 12 months of a request to serve customers
20 in that area to allow another gas utility to interconnect to its existing pipes and requires
21 the gas utility to provide wholesale service to that interconnecting gas utility for the
22 purpose of serving customers in that area.