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An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Ratepayers

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Embden and Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York.

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

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### 2 Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§2, ¶E is enacted to read:

3 E. If the commission does not receive a bid to provide standard offer service for less than 10¢ per kilowatt hour for a class of customer in a transmission and distribution 4 5 utility's service territory, the commission, for that class of customer in the 6 transmission and distribution utility's service territory, shall reject all the bids received and, notwithstanding section 3210, suspend the renewable portfolio standard 7 8 under that section and issue a new request for proposals. For a bid accepted by the commission following the new request for proposals that is less than 10¢ per kilowatt 9 10 hour for a class of customer in a transmission and distribution utility's service 11 territory, the suspension of the renewable portfolio standards remains in effect for the duration of that standard offer period. 12

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to reject all bids to provide standard offer service for a customer class in a transmission and distribution utility's service territory if none of the bids for that customer class are less than  $10\phi$  per kilowatt hour. When this occurs, the commission is required to suspend the portfolio requirements for renewable capacity resources and issue a new request for proposals for each customer class that did not obtain a bid less than  $10\phi$  per kilowatt hour. The suspension of the portfolio requirements remains in effect for the duration of the new standard offer period.