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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 159, L.D. 196, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 320: Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 320: Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made:

1. The rule must be amended in section 3, subsection D to require utilities to keep all records for 10 years, rather than 6 years; and

2. The rule must be amended in section 5, subsection C, paragraphs 1 and 2 to require that each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility maintain and report System Average Interruption Duration Index, in addition to Consumer Average Interruption Duration Index and System Average Interruption Frequency Index, and amended in paragraph 3 to clarify that the Annual Reliability Reports provide information for the Metrics listed in section 5, subsection C, paragraph 1.

The Public Utilities Commission is not required to hold hearings or undertake further proceedings prior to final adoption of the rule in accordance with this section.

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment allows for the final adoption of portions of Chapter 320: Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission, as long as the commission amends the rule to require:

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1. Utilities to keep all records required by the rule for 10 years, rather than 6 years;
and
2. Each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to maintain and report the System Average Interruption Duration Index in addition to other metrics required.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Energy Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission as a result of final adoption of rules regarding electric transmission and distribution utility service standards are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.