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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 425, L.D. 581, Bill, "An Act To Direct Electric Utilities To Provide Comparative Usage Data on Customer Billing Statements"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3106 is enacted to read:

§3106. Comparative usage data on billing statements

1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Comparative usage data" means data regarding a customer's energy usage for the previous 24 months that compares each month's usage between the first 12 months and the 2nd 12 months of usage.

B. "Medium commercial customer" means a nonresidential customer that meets the availability criteria to take service under a core customer class of the transmission and distribution utility that includes a demand charge and in which a customer's maximum demand does not exceed 500 kilowatts or the utility's kilowatt break-point between classes that is closest to but does not exceed 500 kilowatts, whichever is lower.

C. "Residential customer" means a customer defined as residential under the terms and conditions of the transmission and distribution utility.

D. "Small commercial customer" means a nonresidential customer that meets the availability criteria to take service under a core customer class of the transmission and distribution utility that does not include a demand charge.

2. Billing statements. Except as provided in subsection 3, an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall provide comparative usage data on customer billing statements of residential customers, small commercial customers and medium commercial customers.

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3. Waiver. The commission, by rule or order, may waive the requirements of this section for an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility for the portion of the service territory of that utility that is located in an area of this State in which the retail market is administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine if the commission finds that implementation of the requirements of this section is unduly burdensome or cost-prohibitive in that portion of the utility's service territory.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the applicability of the requirements of the bill to investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities, rather than all transmission and distribution utilities, and to customer bills for residential, small commercial and medium commercial customers, rather than all customers. The amendment also allows the Public Utilities Commission to waive the requirements if it finds these requirements to be unduly burdensome or cost-prohibitive for an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility for the portion of the utility's service territory located in an area of this State in which the retail market is administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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An Act To Direct Electric Utilities To Provide Comparative Usage Data on Customer Billing Statements

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-108)
Committee: Energy Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs incurred by the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules requiring additional reporting requirements by investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities on residential, small commercial and medium commercial customer billing notices are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities may incur additional costs to update billing systems to implement the additional informational requirements on customer billing notices. These costs may be passed on to electric utility customers through scheduled rate cases. The amount of these costs cannot be determined at this time.