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House of Representatives, March 7, 2019

An Act To Eliminate Restrictions on Capacity and the Number of Accounts for Net Energy Billing

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FECTEAU of
Biddeford, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MEYER of Eliot, PIERCE of Falmouth, RYKERSON
of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A**, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §32, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§3209-A. Net energy billing**

5 The commission may adopt or amend rules governing net energy billing. The
6 commission may not limit the installed capacity of an eligible facility or the number of
7 accounts or meters a customer or shared ownership customer may designate for net
8 energy billing. Rules adopted or amended under this section are routine technical rules as
9 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. "Net energy billing" means a billing and
10 metering practice under which a customer is billed on the basis of net energy over the
11 billing period taking into account accumulated unused kilowatt-hour credits from the
12 previous billing period.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the Public Utilities Commission may not limit the installed
15 capacity of an eligible facility or the number of accounts or meters a customer or shared
16 ownership customer may designate for net energy billing. Current commission rules limit
17 the capacity to 660 kilowatts and the number of meters or accounts to 10.