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In Senate, February 4, 2020

An Act Regarding Net Energy Billing Limits

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: BERRY of
Bowdoinham, McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 478, Pt. A, §3,
3 is amended to read:

4 **3. Shared financial interest for investor-owned utility customers; limitation.**
5 Multiple customers of an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility that have
6 distinct billing accounts with that utility may share a financial interest in a distributed
7 generation resource under subsection 2. Any number of customers of an investor-owned
8 transmission and distribution utility with a shared financial interest in a distributed
9 generation resource may participate in net energy billing, ~~except that the number of~~
10 ~~eligible customers or meters is limited to 10 for a shared financial interest in a distributed~~
11 ~~generation resource located in the service territory of an investor-owned transmission and~~
12 ~~distribution utility located in an area administered by the independent system~~
13 ~~administrator for northern Maine or any successor of the independent system~~
14 ~~administrator for northern Maine unless the commission determines that the utility's~~
15 ~~billing system can accommodate more than 10 accounts or meters for the purpose of net~~
16 ~~energy billing.~~

17 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3209-B, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 478, Pt. A, §4,
18 is amended to read:

19 **4. Shared financial interest; limitation.** Multiple commercial or institutional
20 customers that have distinct billing accounts with an investor-owned transmission and
21 distribution utility may share a financial interest in a distributed generation resource
22 under subsection 2. Any number of commercial or institutional customers may
23 participate in net energy billing with a shared interest in a distributed generation resource;
24 ~~except that the number of customers or meters is limited to 10 for a shared interest in a~~
25 ~~distributed generation resource located in the service territory of an investor-owned~~
26 ~~transmission and distribution utility located in an area administered by the independent~~
27 ~~system administrator for northern Maine or any successor of the independent system~~
28 ~~administrator for northern Maine unless the commission determines that the utility's~~
29 ~~billing system can accommodate more than 10 accounts or meters for the purpose of net~~
30 ~~energy billing.~~

31 **SUMMARY**

32 Under current law, any number of customers of an investor-owned transmission and
33 distribution utility with a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource
34 may participate in net energy billing, except that the number of eligible customers or
35 meters is limited to 10 for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource
36 located in the service territory of an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility
37 located in an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern
38 Maine unless the Public Utilities Commission determines that the utility's billing system
39 can accommodate more than 10 accounts or meters for the purpose of net energy billing.
40 This bill removes this exception.