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An Act Regarding Net Energy Billing Limits

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

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, is
3 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 eligible~~
10 ~~customers or meters is limited to 10 for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation~~
11 ~~resource located in the service territory of an investor-owned transmission and distribution~~
12 ~~utility located in an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern~~
13 ~~Maine or any successor of the independent system administrator for northern Maine unless~~
14 ~~the commission determines that the utility's billing system can accommodate more than 10~~
15 ~~accounts or meters for the purpose of net energy billing.~~

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

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

29 **SUMMARY**

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