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An Act to Improve Electrical Supply Cost Transparency

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 CARMICHAEL of Greenbush.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, DUCHARME of Madison,
THORNE of Carmel.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3 **3-A. Standard offer disclosure.** The commission shall adopt rules to require a
4 standard-offer service provider to provide to each customer receiving standard-offer
5 electricity service a disclosure label that contains information on each energy source used
6 in the generation service that the customer is receiving, including the cost in cents per
7 kilowatt-hour for each energy source. The rules must require the disclosure label to also
8 include the standard-offer rate stated in cents per kilowatt-hour and the term for which that
9 standard-offer rate is applicable. For the purposes of this subsection, "energy source"
10 includes, but is not limited to, biomass, coal, fuel cells, geothermal installations,
11 hydroelectric generators, municipal solid waste, natural gas, oil, solar energy, tidal power
12 and wind energy. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as
13 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to require that
16 standard-offer service providers provide customers with standard-offer disclosure labels
17 that include the cost of energy in cents per kilowatt-hour for each energy source used in the
18 generation service. The rules must require the disclosure label to also state the standard-
19 offer rate in cents per kilowatt-hour and the term for which that standard-offer rate is
20 applicable.