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"Report C"

L D 399
(Filing No H-640)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H P 250, L D 399, "An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following

'An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources and Require Money Collected from Alternative Compliance Payments to Be Used for Financial Assistance'

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRS §3210, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2021, c 199, §1, is further amended to read

9. Alternative compliance payment. The commission shall allow competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements for Class I resources under subsection 3-A, Class IA resources under subsection 3-B and thermal renewable energy credits under subsection 3-C and Class II resources under subsection 3 through an alternative compliance payment mechanism in accordance with this subsection

A The commission shall set the alternative compliance payment ~~rate~~ rates by rule, ~~which may not be greater than \$50~~, and shall publish the alternative compliance payment ~~rate~~ rates by January 31st of each year In setting the ~~rate~~ rates, the commission shall take into account prevailing market prices, standard-offer service prices for electricity, reliance on alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections ~~3~~, 3-A, 3-B and 3-C and investment in Class I and Class IA and Class II resources and thermal renewable energy credits in the State during the previous calendar year

(1) The alternative compliance payment rate for the requirements under subsections 3-A, 3-B and 3-C may not be greater than \$50

(2) The alternative compliance payment rate for the requirement under subsection 3 may not be greater than \$5.

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1 B The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the
2 requirements of subsections 3, 3-A and 3-B made by competitive electricity providers
3 and shall ~~deposit~~ use all funds collected under this paragraph in the Energy Efficiency
4 and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be
5 used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable
6 energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost-effective renewable energy
7 technologies to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance
8 with section 3214, subsection 2

9 C The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the
10 requirements of subsection 3-C made by competitive electricity providers and shall
11 deposit all funds collected under this paragraph in the Thermal Energy Investment
12 Fund established under section 10128, subsection 2 to be used to fund incentives and
13 low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses, municipalities, educational institutions
14 and nonprofit entities in the State for the installation of new thermal energy-derived
15 projects

16 The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection ~~Rules adopted under this~~
17 ~~subsection to establish the alternative compliance payment rates governed by paragraph A,~~
18 ~~subparagraph (1) are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter~~
19 ~~2-A. Rules adopted to establish the alternative compliance payment rate governed by~~
20 ~~paragraph A, subparagraph (2) are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter~~
21 ~~375, subchapter 2-A~~

22 Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c 316, §3, is
23 amended to read

24 A Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at
25 a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases, and

26 Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read

27 A-1 Receive funds collected by the commission for alternative compliance payments
28 in accordance with section 3210, subsection 9, paragraph B, and

29 Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c 316, §3, is amended
30 by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read

31 The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection ~~Rules adopted under this~~
32 ~~subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A~~

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

35 SUMMARY

36 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title The amendment directs the
37 Public Utilities Commission to establish by rule an alternative compliance payment rate for
38 Class II resources of not greater than \$5 Rules adopted to establish the Class II resource
39 alternative compliance payment rate are major substantive rules The amendment also
40 directs funds received by the commission for Class II alternative compliance payments to

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1 be used to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with the
2 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3214, subsection 2

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**



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LD 399

LR 1322(03)

An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-640)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Currently, the PUC coordinates with the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) to administer existing PUC low-income assistance programs. The PUC anticipates that the new revenues from alternative compliance payments related to Class II resources will be transferred to the MSHA and expended within existing low-income assistance programs.