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### SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT Relative to Notice by Public Utilities of Changes in Rates.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter fifty-five 2 of the Revised Statutes are hereby amended to read as fol-3 lows:

'Sect. 28. Notice of change of rates required. No change 2 shall hereafter be made in any schedule, including schedules 3 of joint rates, except upon thirty days' notice to the com-4 mission, and all such changes shall be plainly indicated upon 5 existing schedules by filing new schedules in lieu thereof 6 thirty days prior to the time the same are to take effect:

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7 Provided, that the commission may, in its discretion and for 8 good cause shown, allow changes upon less than the notice 9 herein specified, or modify the requirements of this section 10 and the following section in respect to publishing, posting 11 and filing of tariffs, either in particular instances or by a 12 general order applicable to special or peculiar circumstances 13 or conditions.

Sect. 29. Copies of all new schedules shall be filed as here-2 inbefore provided in every station and office of such public 3 utility, where payments are made by customers or users 4 thirty days prior to the time the same are to take effect, un-5 less the commission shall prescribe a less time as provided in 6 the preceding section.

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