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# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 506

In Senate, March 24, 1955

Reported by Senator Martin of Kennebec from the Committee on Public Utilities and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to Public Hearings for Public Utilities.

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

**R. S., c. 44, § 61, amended.** Section 61 of chapter 44 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Whenever any public utility, except a common carrier or carrier of persons or property for hire, has been notified by the Commission that a public hearing will be held as provided in section 35 or section 57 and it appears to the Commission that reasonable publicity has not or will not be given, by newspaper publication or otherwise, of the time and place of said hearing and the general nature thereof, the Commission, in its discretion, may, by written notice to such public utility, require it to give such reasonable notice as the Commission shall specify of the time and place of such public hearing to each of the subscribers affected or to be affected by such rates or service and to file at the same time in the office of the clerk of the municipalities wherein such subscribers reside such pertinent information as the Commission may prescribe as to rates and services involved, including schedules of any proposed rates. Such notice by said public utility shall be given by first class mail and shall include a statement that such pertinent information as to such rates or service is on file in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein such subscriber resides. Nothing in this section shall relieve such utility from the provisions of section 31.’