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CHAPTER 252

H.P. 972 - L.D. 1413

An Act to Restrict Unsolicited Computer-generated or Automated Telephone Calls**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1499** is enacted to read:**§1499. Consumer notification**

Notwithstanding section 1498, a person may not use an automated telephone calling device to dial the telephone number of any telephone utility customer in this State who has notified the telephone utility pursuant to Title 35-A, section 7112 of the customer's request not to receive automated telephone calls. Violation of this section is an unfair trade practice under Title 5, section 207.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7103 is enacted to read:**§7103. Automated calling procedures**

1. Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules to establish the following:

A. A notification procedure for any customer of a telephone utility who does not want to receive automated telephone calls pursuant to Title 10, section 1498; and

B. A procedure to prevent users of automated telephone calling devices from dialing the telephone numbers of customers who do not want to be called.

2. Fees by telephone utilities. A telephone utility may not charge a customer any fee for any action taken by the utility in response to the customer's request not to receive automated telephone calls.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 253

H.P. 983 - L.D. 1428

An Act to Require Electric Utilities to Develop Proposals for Affordable Pricing for Low-income Residential Customers and for Financing Conversions from Electric Space Heat**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3152, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §140, is further amended to read:

A. Require the commission to relate electric rates more closely to the costs of providing electric service; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3152, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

B. Encourage the commission to set electric rates to promote the maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources existing in the State in order to promote the use of indigenous energy resources to the extent that this will reduce overall electric costs; and

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3152, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. Require the commission to consider the ability of low-income residential customers to pay in full for electric services as electric rates are redesigned consistent with these policies.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3153-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §142, is further amended to read:

1. Proposals and programs developed. The commission, as it determines appropriate, shall order electric utilities to develop and submit specific rate design proposals and related programs for implementing energy conservation techniques and innovations, either in conjunction with or independent of any rate-making proceeding pending before the commission. The proposals, as the commission determines, ~~shall~~ **must** be designed to encourage energy conservation, minimize the need for new electrical generating capacity ~~and~~, minimize costs of electricity to consumers and take into account the needs of low-income customers, and ~~shall~~ **must** include, but ~~are not~~ **be** limited to, proposals which that provide for the development and implementation of:

A. Load management techniques;

B. Rates ~~which that~~ reflect marginal costs of services at different voltages, times of day or seasons of the year, including long-run marginal costs associated with the construction of new electric generating facilities;

C. Policies ~~which that~~ encourage economic use of fuel and the maximum efficient utilization of natural energy resources indigenous to the State;

D. Rates or other regulatory policies ~~which that~~ encourage electric utility system reliability; ~~and~~

E. Electric utility financing or subsidization of capital improvements undertaken by ratepayers to conserve electricity used by the ratepayers in the future. The commission may approve and allow cost recovery for proposals that result in savings in fuel other than electricity. This paragraph ~~shall apply~~ applies to future