

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 195 - L.D. 414

**An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to  
Public Utility Customers**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §307**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §13 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended by enacting after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A public utility seeking a general increase in rates shall send a notice of the increase to its customers by either first-class mail or the method by which the customer receives bills from the utility. The commission shall prepare the notice in consultation with the utility. If, after the notice of the general increase in rates is sent, the utility seeks a rate increase greater than what was stated in the notice, the utility shall promptly notify the commission. If the utility demonstrates good cause, the commission may allow the utility to seek an increase greater than what was stated in the notice subject to reasonable conditions established by the commission, including, but not limited to, requiring the utility to send a new notice to its customers describing the revised proposed increase.