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An Act To Reduce Costs for Customers of Northern Maine Consumer-owned Utilities

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3207, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Consumer-owned utilities in the northern Maine independent system administrator's area. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility with service territory within an area administered as of January 1, 2009 by the independent system administrator for northern Maine or any successor of the independent system administrator for northern Maine:

A. May sell retail generation service only within its service territory and is authorized to purchase electric power and energy at wholesale, as long as the consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility complies with the requirements of section 3203, subsection 3 and section 3210, subsection 3, and to purchase such transmission and related services as may be required to effect the delivery of such power and energy to its service territory; and

B. May sell wholesale generation service for the purpose of reducing its customers' costs.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility with a service territory within an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine to sell retail generation service within its respective service territory and purchase electric power and energy at wholesale. The bill also authorizes the utility to sell wholesale generation services for the purpose of reducing its customers' costs.