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House of Representatives, January 14, 2025

**An Act to Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Authority to  
Establish Time-of-use Pricing for Standard-offer Service**

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Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative RUNTE of York.  
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and  
Representative: SACHS of Freeport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-B**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **4-B. Demand response and energy efficiency.** The commission may incorporate  
5 cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy  
6 efficiency into the supply of standard-offer service. The commission shall encourage  
7 entities based in this State that are not otherwise either a standard-offer service provider or  
8 its affiliate to participate in supplying cost-effective demand response or energy efficiency  
9 pursuant to this subsection.

10 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-C**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is  
11 amended to read:

12 **4-C. Authority to establish various contract lengths and terms.** For the purpose of  
13 providing over a reasonable time period the lowest price for standard-offer service to  
14 residential and small commercial customers, the commission, with respect to residential  
15 and small commercial standard-offer service, may, in addition to incorporating cost-  
16 effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency  
17 pursuant to subsection 4-B and to the extent authorized in section 3210-C, incorporating  
18 the energy portion of any contracts entered into pursuant to section 3210-C, establish  
19 various standard-offer service contract lengths and terms.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill clarifies that the Public Utilities Commission may incorporate time-of-use  
22 pricing for the supply of standard-offer service.