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An Act To Ensure Accurate Explanations of Electric Bills

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, COLLINGS of
Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, KESSLER of South Portland, RILEY of Jay, RISEMAN of
Harrison, Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3106** is enacted to read:

3 **§3106. Written rate and charge information**

4 An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may not provide any
5 information to a customer that explains electricity rate components without the approval
6 of the commission. The commission shall ensure that the information provided by an
7 investor-owned transmission and distribution utility accurately reflects the overall rate
8 structure and cost components for the supply and delivery of electricity. Information
9 provided by an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility under this section
10 must include a graph or chart that displays trends over the past 10 years and an
11 explanation of how the electricity is competitively supplied while delivery is provided
12 through a transmission and distribution utility. Prior to approving or disapproving any
13 written information under this section, the commission must receive input from the Public
14 Advocate and other interested parties.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to obtain the
17 approval of the Public Utilities Commission before providing information explaining
18 electricity rate components to a customer. The bill requires the commission to ensure that
19 the information provided to a customer accurately reflects the overall rate structure and
20 cost components for the supply and delivery of electricity. The bill also requires the
21 commission to receive input from the Public Advocate and other interested parties before
22 approving or disapproving any written information provided by an investor-owned
23 transmission and distribution utility to a customer.