

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 77 - L.D. 91

An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §32, is amended to read:

§3209-A. Net energy billing

The commission may adopt or amend rules governing net energy billing. Rules adopted or amended under this section are ~~routine technical~~ major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. "Net energy billing" means a billing and metering practice under which a customer is billed on the basis of ~~net energy over the billing period taking into account accumulated unused kilowatt-hour credits from the previous~~ the difference between the kilowatt-hours delivered by a transmission and distribution utility to the customer over a billing period and the kilowatt-hours delivered by the customer to the transmission and distribution utility over the billing period, taking into account accumulated unused kilowatt-hour credits from the previous billing period.

Sec. 2. Rules. Within 60 days of the effective date of this Act, the Public Utilities Commission shall amend its net energy billing rules adopted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-A to be substantively equivalent to the rules in effect on January 1, 2017. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 3209-A, rules adopted for this purpose are routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commission may not make any other changes to rules adopted pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3209-A until July 1, 2020. The net energy billing rules adopted pursuant to this section must apply retroactively to all net energy billing customers that entered into a net energy billing arrangement between March 29, 2017 and the effective date of the rules adopted pursuant to this section.