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An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Open an Investigation Whenever It Initiates a Management Audit

Submitted by the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York.

Cosponsored by Senator: WOODSOME of York, Representative: RYKERSON of Kittery.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §113, sub-§5 is enacted to read:
3	5. Investigation; participation of parties. Upon the initiation of a management
4	audit under this section, the commission shall open an investigation into the matters that
5	are the subject of the audit. The investigation is an adjudicatory proceeding pursuant to
6	the commission's procedural rules. Parties to the adjudicatory process must have full
7	access to the information supplied to the auditor.
8	SUMMARY
9	This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission, whenever it initiates a
10	management audit of a public utility, to also open an investigation into the same issues
11	that are the subject of the audit. This investigation is an adjudicatory proceeding with full
12	rights of intervention and participation as allowed under the commission's procedural
13	rules.