LD 186 PROPOSED AMENDMENT Offered by Rep. Warren April 3, 2025

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

Amend the bill by adding the following sections after line 19:

Sec. 3. Public Utilities Commission; time-of-use rates updates. The Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters that describes the process for participation in a commission proceeding and includes any other relevant information as determined by the commission:

- 1. Upon issuance of a report, if a report is issued, in Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2024-00231; and
- 2. Prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212.

If the commission submits a report prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service, the report must include a description of how the commission will consider the potential effects of time-of-use rates on the types of residential customers described in Section 4.

- **Sec. 4. Considerations; time-of-use proceeding.** In an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, the Public Utilities Commission shall consider the impact of a time-of-use rates and seek to avoid negative impacts of such rates on the following:
 - 1. Residential customers that rely on life support systems;
- 2. Residential customers who receive a benefit due to a medical condition and are participants in an electricity Lifeline program;
 - 3. Residential customers who are senior citizens; and
 - 4. Economically vulnerable residential customers.

SUMMARY

The amendment adds two additional sections to the bill to require that the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters upon the issuance of a report in a commission

docket related to time-of-use pricing and prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service. It also directs the commission, in an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service, to consider the impact of time-of-use rates and seek to avoid the negative impacts of such rates on certain types of residential customers.

