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An Act Regarding Information Provided to Consumers by Competitive Electricity Providers

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Informational filings; public information.** The commission shall establish by
5 rule information disclosure and filing requirements for competitive electricity providers.
6 The rules must require generation providers to file their generally available rates, terms
7 and conditions with the commission. The commission, subject to appropriate protective
8 orders, may require the submission of individual service contracts or any other
9 confidential information from a competitive electricity provider.

10 The commission by rule shall establish standards for ~~publishing and disseminating~~
11 making available, through any means considered appropriate, information that enhances
12 consumers' ability to effectively make choices in a competitive electricity market.

13 Rules adopted under this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5,
14 chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A and must be provisionally adopted by March 1, 1999.

15 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 558, §2, is
16 further amended to read:

17 E. Must provide to the consumer within 30 days of contracting for retail service a
18 disclosure of information provided to the commission pursuant to rules adopted under
19 subsection 3 in a standard written format established by the commission; and

20 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 558, §2, is
21 further amended to read:

22 F. Must comply with any other applicable standards or requirements adopted by the
23 commission by rule or order; ~~and~~.

24 **Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 558, §3, is
25 repealed.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill removes the requirement that a competitive electricity provider provide at
28 least once annually to a consumer information that enhances the consumer's ability to
29 effectively make choices in a competitive electricity market. It requires the Public
30 Utilities Commission to establish by rule standards for making this information available
31 through any means considered appropriate.