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House of Representatives, February 7, 2013

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Review Certain Electricity Distribution Charges Assessed on Businesses

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

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Presented by Representative GUERIN of Glenburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DUNPHY of Embden, GIDEON of Freeport, LIBBY of Waterboro, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, RUSSELL of Portland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.

**Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to review distribution charge. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall review the 25-kilowatt distribution charge assessed against businesses that use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity at any time in a 12-month period to determine whether it is equitable and justifiable to remove this charge for a business for a month in which the business does not use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity if the business did not use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity in the same month in the previous year. The Public Utilities Commission shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than December 4, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

12 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Public Utilities Commission to review the 25-kilowatt distribution charge assessed against businesses that use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity at any time in a 12-month period to determine whether it is equitable and justifiable to remove this charge for a business for a month in which the business does not use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity if the business did not use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity in the same month in the previous year. The Public Utilities Commission is required to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than December 4, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.