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### An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Ratepayers

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Embden and
Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, WOODSOME of York.

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

2   **Sec. 1.  35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

3   E.  If the commission does not receive a bid to provide standard offer service for less
4   than 10¢ per kilowatt hour for a class of customer in a transmission and distribution
5   utility's service territory, the commission, for that class of customer in the
6   transmission and distribution utility's service territory, shall reject all the bids
7   received and, notwithstanding section 3210, suspend the renewable portfolio standard
8   under that section and issue a new request for proposals.  For a bid accepted by the
9   commission following the new request for proposals that is less than 10¢ per kilowatt
10  hour for a class of customer in a transmission and distribution utility's service
11  territory, the suspension of the renewable portfolio standards remains in effect for the
12  duration of that standard offer period.

13                                          **SUMMARY**

14          This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to reject all bids to provide
15  standard offer service for a customer class in a transmission and distribution utility's
16  service territory if none of the bids for that customer class are less than 10¢ per kilowatt
17  hour.  When this occurs, the commission is required to suspend the portfolio requirements
18  for renewable capacity resources and issue a new request for proposals for each customer
19  class that did not obtain a bid less than 10¢ per kilowatt hour.  The suspension of the
20  portfolio requirements remains in effect for the duration of the new standard offer period.