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An Act To Eliminate Restrictions on Capacity and the Number of Accounts for Net Energy Billing

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

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Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft. Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FECTEAU of

Biddeford, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MEYER of Eliot, PIERCE of Falmouth, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §32, is amended to read:

§3209-A. Net energy billing

 The commission may adopt or amend rules governing net energy billing. The commission may not limit the installed capacity of an eligible facility or the number of accounts or meters a customer or shared ownership customer may designate for net energy billing. Rules adopted or amended under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. "Net energy billing" means a billing and metering practice under which a customer is billed on the basis of net energy over the billing period taking into account accumulated unused kilowatt-hour credits from the previous billing period.

13 SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Public Utilities Commission may not limit the installed capacity of an eligible facility or the number of accounts or meters a customer or shared ownership customer may designate for net energy billing. Current commission rules limit the capacity to 660 kilowatts and the number of meters or accounts to 10.