



Climate Change Statutes

STATE OF MAINE

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Current through the 2010 Legislative Session of the Maine State Legislature.

35-A § 3143. Legislative findings.

2. Legislative findings. The Legislature finds that:

A. The cost of electricity to consumers in this State is high in comparison to costs in similar markets and impedes economic development;

B. The State has recognized the consequences of climate change and has committed to policies to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases;

C. The State's electric grid and long-term infrastructure investment are vital to continued security and economic development, and smart grid functions will deliver electricity from suppliers to consumers using modern technology to increase reliability and reduce costs in a way that saves energy and to enable greater consumer choice;

D. The State currently lacks a comprehensive smart grid policy but faces critical decisions regarding the implementation of smart grid functions and associated infrastructure, technology and applications, and the commission and the Legislature will play central roles in making those decisions; and

E. It is vital that a smart grid policy be developed in order to ensure that all ratepayers and the State as a whole are afforded the benefits of smart grid functions and associated infrastructure, technology and applications.