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35-A §302-A (P.L. 2005, c. 204)	<u>RULES / Political Activities, Promotional and Institutional Advertising:</u> Rules adopted by PUC concerning promotional advertising, promotional allowances, or political activities by public utilities are MS rules.	MS Rules				UTE	PUC	Misc.
23 §3360-A, sub-§5-G (P.L. 2005, c. 334)	<u>RULES / Drinking Well Water Construction:</u> PUC to adopt rules regarding alternative notice requirements for excavation associated with drinking water well construction.	MS Rules		none specified		UTE	PUC	Misc.
P.L. 2005, C. 677 (LD 2041)	<u>S-O Service Contract Fees:</u> Report on examination of S-O service opt-out fees for non-residential customers. **UTE may recommend any amendments to S-O rule (Ch. 301)**	Report	One time	1/15/07		UTE	PUC	Energy
P.L. 2005, C. 677 (LD 2041)	<u>RULES / Electric Resource Adequacy:</u> PUC to adopt MS Rules on long-term plan for electric resource adequacy for the state (resource plan).	MS Rules		Outline due 3/1/07, Final Rule due 3/1/08		UTE	PUC	Electricity
P.L. 2005, C. 677 (LD 2041)	<u>RULES / Long-term Contracting for Capacity:</u> PUC to adopt MS Rules on long-term contracting for capacity resources.	MS Rules		none specified		UTE	PUC	Energy
P.L. 2005, C. 677 (LD 2041)	<u>S-O Service Contracts:</u> Report on the use of authority to establish various S-O service contract lengths and terms. **UTE may report out legislation related to subject matter to the 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature**	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	1/15/08		UTE	PUC	Energy
P.L. 2005, c. 569 (LD 1931)	<u>Business and Residential appliances and lighting:</u> Analysis/audit of business, low-income appliance replacement and residential lighting programs.	Report	One time	12/31/07		UTE	PUC	Energy
P.L. 2005, c. 569 (LD 1931)	<u>Energy Independence/ Efficiency Maine:</u> PUC to develop a plan and recommendations for increases Efficiency Maine assessment.	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	1/1/07		UTE	PUC	Energy
P.L. 2005, c. 569 (LD 1931)	<u>Energy Independence/ Energy Efficiency Training:</u> Report on progress regarding energy efficiency training for school facility managers.	Report	Annual			UTE	PUC	Energy

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LD 1675 (from Final Disposition & Follow up)	<u>Standard AFOR for Rural Telephone Companies</u> : Report on status of working group to evaluate options for streamlining AFOR for rural telecos.	Report	One time	1/1/07	UTE	PUC		Telecomm
LD 1377 (from Final Disposition & Follow up)	<u>Municipally Owned Street Lighting</u> : Report regarding continuation of discussions with MMA and CMP. PUC to decide whether to open investigation.	Report	One time	PUC aiming for progress report 12/15/06	UTE	PUC		Municipal Street Lighting
35-A §9205	<u>RULES / CMA Underserved Areas</u> : CMA required to adopt rules to define "unserved and underserved areas" and rules regarding "confidentiality criteria".	MS Rules		none specified	UTE	CMA		Telecomm
36 §2017 (P.L. 2005, c. 665 §4)	<u>RULES / CMA tax reimbursement</u> : CMA to adopt rules to administer tax reimbursement for machinery and equipment purchased for use to develop an advanced communications technology infrastructure in a qualifying ConnectME zone.	MS Rules		none specified	UTE	CMA		Telecomm
P.L. 2005, c. 336 §4 (LD 1613)	<u>Public Safety Telecommunications Equipment</u> : Report on recommendations on whether the amount of funding authorized to be transferred is appropriate and sufficient.	Report	One time	1/31/08	UTE	PUC (in consultation with Bureau of Rehab. Services)		Telecomm
P.L. 2005, c. 464 §6 (LD 1379)	<u>Repeal - Community Wind Power Generator Credit</u> : Repeals 36 §5219-AA, the community wind power generator credit.	Repeal		12/31/07			(repeal)	Wind Power
P.L. 2005, c. 534 §3 (LD 2074)	<u>Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential Properties</u> : Report on the commission's assessment of whether the requirements of 14 §6030-C are achieving the purposes of informing prospective tenants of the energy efficiency characteristics of residential properties used as primary residences.	Report	One time	1/1/08	UTE	PUC		Energy Efficiency Standards
P.L. 2005, c. 569 §9 (LD 1931)	<u>Energy Independence/Home Heating</u> : Report on the state of home heating in Maine including trends in household annual consumption and expenditures, prices, taxes, fees, and energy sources.	Report	One time	11/30/06	UTE	Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security		Energy

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Resolve 2005, c. 141 §2 (LD 637)	<u>Telecommunications Needs Assessment and Application for Federally Qualified Health Centers</u> : Report on the results of the needs assessment and applications for federal funds, recommendations for further action to address the telecommunications needs of federally qualified health centers, and any necessary legislation to implement recommendations. <i>**UTE may report out a bill relating to the subject matter to the 1st Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	3/1/07	UTE	PUC		Telecomm
Resolve 2005, c. 162 §3 (LD 2088)	<u>E-911 Surcharge Prepaid Wireless Stakeholder Group</u> : Report on results and recommendations regarding the determination of the amount of and means of collecting and remitting an E-911 surcharge on pre-paid wireless telephone service. <i>**UTE may report out legislation relating to the subject matter to the 1st Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	1/1/07	UTE	PUC		E-911
Resolve 2005, c. 187 §2 (LD 1897)	<u>New England Regional Transmission Organization</u> : Report on examination of continued participation by transmission and distribution utilities in New England Regional Transmission Organization. <i>**UTE may report out legislation on the subject matter to the 1st or 2nd Regular Sessions of the 123rd Legislature**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	Twice/upon request	1/1/07 (interim) 1/1/08 (final)	UTE	PUC		Utilities
36 §2017	<u>Repeal - Reimbursement, Advanced Technology Infrastructure</u> : Repeals 36 §2017 regarding reimbursement of certain taxes related to advanced communications technology infrastructure	Repeal		1/31/09			(repeal)	Telecomm
35-A §9215	<u>Repeal - Advanced Technology Infrastructure</u> : Repeals 35-A Chapter 93, The Advanced Technology Infrastructure Act.	Repeal		1/31/09			(repeal)	Telecomm

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P.L. 2005, c. 665 §7	<u>ConnectME Authority Plan</u> : Report on plan and suggested implementing legislating for the winding up of the authority's affairs, disposition of assets. <i>**UTE shall report out legislation to the 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature providing for the winding up of the authority's affairs or the repeal of 35-A §9215**</i>	Report		1/31/08	UTE	CMA		Telecomm
35-A §9208 (LD 2080)	<u>Advanced Technology Infrastructure Act, ConnectME Authority - Annual Report</u> : Report on the activities, investments, market conditions and budget of the ConnectME Authority. <i>**UTE may report out legislation relating to the authority after receiving the report**</i> <i>**Chapter 93 of 35-A, the Advanced Technology Infrastructure Act, is repealed 1/31/09**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation / Repeal	Annual	1/15/06	UTE	CMA		Telecomm
36 §3203, sub-§1-A	<u>Repeal - Special Biodiesel Rate</u> : Repeals the section of law defining the current rate of 20 cents/gallon for distillates containing 2% or more of biodiesel fuel by volume.	Repeal		90 days after adjourn. of the 1st Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature			(repeal)	Biodiesel
P.L. 2005, c. 677, Pt. A §2	<u>Study Group on Biodiesel Tax Rate</u> : Report on findings and recommendations regarding the revenue impacts of a differential tax on biodiesel, the impacts on tax administration and compliance and alternatives to a differential tax including a refund process. <i>**Either UTE or TRA may report out legislation on the subject matter to the 1st Regular Session of 123rd Legislature**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	3/15/07	UTE and TRA	Department of the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles		Biodiesel

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P.L. 2005, c. 677, Pt. D §9	<u>Maine Energy Council</u> : Report on findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation regarding its evaluation of matters affecting electricity supply and costs to consumers. **UTE may report out a bill to the 1st Regular Session of 123rd Legislature**	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	1/15/07	UTE and Legislative Council	Maine Energy Council		Electricity
P&SL 1969, c. 94 §§18-E (LD 2018)	<u>Winterport Water/Sewerage District Authority</u> : Report findings and recommendations regarding the continuation of Winterport's water and sewerage district authority to disconnect water for non-payment of sewer service. **UTE may report out a bill on the subject matter to the 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature** **This section P&SL 1969, c. 94 §§18-E is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature**	Report / UTE Legislation / Repeal	One time	1/15/08	UTE	PUC		Water/Sewerage Districts
25 §2927, sub-§5-A	<u>Budget / Expenditures from E-9-1-1 Fund</u> : Budget recommendations from UTE to AFA regarding expenditures from the E-9-1-1 fund.	Budget recomm.			AFA	UTE		E-911
35-A §0116, sub-§2	<u>Budget / Expenditures from PUC Regulatory Fund</u> : Budget recommendations from UTE to AFA regarding expenditures from the PUC Regulatory Fund.	Budget recomm.			AFA	UTE		Administrative/ Financial
03 §959	<u>GEA / MMRECA</u> : Program Evaluation Report of the Maine Municipal Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency	GEA		11/1/07	UTE	MMRECA		
03 §959	<u>GEA / PUC</u> : Program Evaluation Report of the PUC	GEA		11/1/07	UTE	PUC		
35-A §3202 sub-§4 (PL 1999, c.601)	<u>RULES / Electric Billing and Metering Competition</u> : PUC may adopt MS rules to provide for competition in billing and metering services, including minimum standards and codes of conduct.	MS Rules		none specified	UTE	PUC		Electricity
PL 2005, c. 459 (LD 1586)	<u>Repeal - Solar Energy Rebate Program</u> : Repeals 35-A §3211-C, the solar energy rebate program.	Repeal		12/31/08			(repeal)	Energy

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PL 2005, c. 248 (LD 230)	<u>Repeal - Annual Report on Railroad Freight Service</u> : Repeals §1711, sub-§6 which requires the Public Advocate to report annually to TRA and UTE on the quality of railroad freight service in the State of Maine.	Repeal		90 days after adjourn. 2nd Regular Session 123rd Legislature			(repeal)	Misc.
10 §1677	<u>Petroleum Market Share Act - Annual Report</u> : Annual report on the concentration of retail outlets in the State or in sections of the State, including a recommendation as to whether additional legislation is needed to limit the activity of refiners operating retail outlets. (Retail outlets = motor fuel and home heating oil outlets, service station heating oil sales offices, and heating oil storage facilities.)	Report	Annual	12/31	Legislature	AG	3/27/06	Energy
05 §1770 sub-§5	<u>Energy Savings Pilot Program - Annual Report</u> : Report on status of plans to achieve state energy savings, status of pilot project, and projected and actual energy savings.	Report	Annual	February, 1st business day	UTE	DAFS	1/31/03	Energy
25 §1532, sub- §4	<u>Maine Communications Policy Board - Annual Report</u> : Annual report on the activities of the MCPB, the status of DPS communication systems, and the status of implementation of a consolidated communications system in the state.	Report	Annual	2/1	UTE	DPS/MCPB	4/29/05	Misc.
35-A §4393	<u>Spent Fuel Disposal Trust Fund - Annual Report</u> : Report on the status of the Spent Nuclear Fuel Disposal Trust Fund.	Report	Annual		Governor, PUC	Maine Yankee	?	Nuclear
35-A §4171	<u>Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency - Annual Report</u> : Report on the activities of the MMRECA for the preceding fiscal year, including operating and financial statement for the year and anticipated budget for the next year.	Report	Annual	90 days after end of fiscal year	Governor, Legislature, PUC	MMRECA		Electricity
PL 2001, c. 439, sec. GG-3	<u>Weatherization Program Costs</u> : Report on the most effective way to provide adequate funding of the 25% nonfederal share of weatherization program costs.	Report	Whenever required by Federal Government		UTE, AFA	MSHA		Energy

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35-A §1702, sub-§6	<u>Public Advocate / Annual Report:</u> Annual report on the activities of the Public Advocate.	Report	Annual	8/1	UTE, Governor	OPA	7/21/06	Administrative/ Financial
35-A §0116, sub-§8	<u>Public Advocate / Annual Budget Report:</u> Report on planned expenditures and use of funds from Public Advocate Regulatory Fund.	Report	Annual			OPA		Administrative/ Financial
35-A §0120	<u>PUC - Annual Report:</u> Annual report of PUC on the budget (expenditures, fees/fines collected), regional issues, rural issues, and exemptions to telephone utilities.	Report	Annual	2/1	UTE	PUC	2/1/06	Administrative/ Financial
35-A §7104, sub-§4	<u>Affordable Telephone Services - Annual Report:</u> As part of PUC Annual Report (MRSA 35-A §120), include description of any PUC actions taken and assessments made related to telecommunications market penetration.	Report	Annual	2/1	UTE	PUC	2/1/06	Telecomm
35-A §9105	<u>Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) of Telephone Utilities:</u> Report on the activities of the PUC related to AFOR and the extent to which AFOR has achieved objectives.	Report	Annual	9/1	UTE	PUC	9/1/06	Telecomm
35-A §3211-A, sub-§11	<u>Electric Industry Conservation Programs - Annual Report/ Efficiency Maine:</u> Report on all conservation programs the PUC implemented during the prior 12 months and plans to implement during the next 12 months, cost effectiveness, funding/assessments, as well as any recommendations for changes energy conservation laws.	Report	Annual	12/1	UTE	PUC	12/29/05	Energy
35-A §3211-C, sub-§5	<u>Solar Energy Rebate Program - Annual Report:</u> Report on actions taken by the PUC regarding the solar energy rebate program. <i>**This section (35-A, sec. 3211-C) regarding the solar energy rebate program is repealed 12/1/08 (PL 2005, c. 459)**</i>	Report	Annual	12/1	UTE	PUC	12/1/05	Energy

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35-A §4711, sub-§5	<u>Gas Utilities Conservation Programs - Annual Report</u> : Report on actions taken by gas utilities regarding conservation programs, including programs implemented, cost-effectiveness, funding and recommended law changes.	Report	Annual	12/1	UTE	PUC	12/1/05	Natural Gas
35-A §3195, sub-§5	<u>Alternative Rate Mechanisms (Incentive Ratemaking) - Annual Report</u> : Report on PUC actions pertaining to incentive ratemaking to promote electric utility efficiency, including actions on mechanisms for protecting ratepayers from transfer of risks associated with rate-adjustment mechanisms.	Report	Annual	12/31	UTE	PUC	12/31/05	Electricity
35-A §3217	<u>Electric Industry Restructuring - Annual Report</u> : Report on the commission's activities in carrying out its responsibilities related to electric industry restructuring and activities relating to changes in the regulation of electric utilities in other states; actual and estimated future costs of enforcing and implementing the provisions of this chapter; costs incurred by T&D utilities; effects of these costs on ratepayers.	Report	Annual	12/31	UTE	PUC	12/31/05	Electricity
35-A §4706, sub-§9	<u>Gas Utilities (ARP) Alternative Rate-making Mechanisms - Annual Report</u> : Report detailing any actions taken or proposed by the PUC regarding the adopting of alternative rate-making provisions for gas utilities.	Report	Annual	12/31	UTE	PUC	12/31/05	Natural Gas
35-A §0803	<u>Telephone Blocking Service</u> : Report on the PUC's review of the appropriateness of a \$5 fee to block the access of audiotext service providers to telephone lines.	Report	Every 4 yrs (beg 1/1/95)	1/1/07	UTE	PUC		Telecomm
25 §2927, sub-§5	<u>Emergency Services Communication Bureau - Annual Report</u> : Annual report on the ESCB planned expenditures, use of funds, statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge, and recommendations for improving the E-9-1-1 system.	Report	Annual	2/1	UTE	PUC/ESCB	1/31/06	E-911

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38 §969, sub-§4	<u>Saco River Corridor Fund - Annual Report:</u> Report identifying amount collected & how the fund was disbursed by the Saco River Corridor Commission.	Report	Annual	2/1	IFW, NAT, UTE, AFA	Saco River Corridor Commission		Misc.
25 §52, sub-§2, ¶D	<u>State Nuclear Safety Advisor - Annual Report:</u> Annual report of the activities of the SNSA.	Report	Annual	3/30	Governor, Legislature	SPO	1/15/03	Nuclear
05 §3307-C, sub-§5, par B	<u>Heating Fuel Inventories:</u> Report regarding heating oil and kerosene inventories, if the SPO determines there is or may be a significant shortfall in supply inventories or anticipated deliveries of home heating oil or kerosene.	Report	<i>As needed</i>		UTE	SPO		Energy
05 §3307-C, sub-§5, par C	<u>Petroleum Products:</u> Report on petroleum product inventories, curtailments, shortfalls or other matters relating to the availability of petroleum products in the State, at the request of the UTE committee	Report	<i>Upon request</i>		UTE	SPO		Energy
35-A §7508, sub-§4 (LD 1101) (PL 2005, c.131)	<u>Public Interest Pay Phones - Annual Report:</u> Report on PUC activities related to public-interest pay phones, including number of petitions and number of phones approved. <i>**UTE may report out legislation to the 1st Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature concerning public interest pay phones (P.L. 2005, c. 131) **</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	Annual	2/1	UTE	PUC	1/31/06	Telecomm
P&SL 2005, c. 19 (LD 1128)	<u>Municipal Capabilities to Become Providers of Internet Services:</u> Report on a study of technology available to create wireless Internet access statewide, funding issues, and benefits of municipalities becoming ISPs. <i>**UTE may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature in response to the report.**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	One time	9/12/2006		SPO (PUC, DECD)	9/11/06	Telecomm

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05 §3327, sub-§4	<u>Energy Resources Council - Annual Report:</u> Annual report of the council's activities during the previous calendar year and anticipated activities for the current calendar year, including evaluation of the council's effectiveness. <i>**After receiving the report, UTE may report out legislation relating to energy policy.**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation	Annual	1/15	UTE, Governor	ERC	2/13/06	Energy
35-A §1711, sub-§6,7 (PL 2005, c. 248)	<u>Railroad Freight Service Quality - Annual Report:</u> Report on the quality of railroad freight service in the State, actions to promote railroad freight service, and funding issues. <i>**UTE may jointly with TRA report out legislation to the 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.**</i> <i>**This section, 35-A §1711, is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.**</i>	Report / UTE Legislation / Repeal	Annual	1st Monday in February	UTE, TRA	OPA	2/6/06	Misc.
30-A §2355	<u>Quasi-Municipal Corporations/Districts:</u> UTE shall report each year an omnibus bill including amendments to and revisions of the charters of quasi-municipal corporations or districts that have been submitted to UTE.	UTE Legislation	Annual			UTE		Misc.