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UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
124TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 742, L.D. 1075, Bill, "An Act To Promote Community-based Energy"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Establish the Community-based Renewable Energy Pilot Program'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'PART A

Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §1766-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 52, §1, is amended to read:

§1766-A. Electricity purchases for state buildings

No later than January 1, 2010, all electricity consumed in state-owned buildings must be supplied by renewable resources. For purposes of this section, "renewable resource" means ~~any renewable resource defined~~ has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C. In purchasing electricity for state-owned buildings, the State may give preference to electricity generated by community-based renewable energy projects, as defined in Title 35-A, section 3602, subsection 1.

Sec. A-2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2007, c. 403, §6, is further amended to read:

8. Credit trading. The commission shall allow competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements of subsections 3 and 3-A through the use of renewable energy credits if the commission determines that a reliable system of electrical attribute trading exists. When renewable energy credits are used to satisfy the portfolio requirements of subsections 3 and 3-A, the value of a renewable energy credit for electricity generated by a community-based renewable energy project, as defined in section 3602, that is participating in the community-based renewable energy pilot

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 program established in section 3603 and elects the renewable energy credit multiplier  
2 under section 3605 is 150% of the amount of the electricity.

3 **Sec. A-3. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-D** is enacted to read:

4 **4-D. Community-based renewable energy.** The commission may incorporate  
5 energy generated by community-based renewable energy projects as defined in section  
6 3602, subsection 1 into the supply of standard-offer service. The commission shall  
7 encourage entities based in this State that are not otherwise either a standard-offer service  
8 provider or its affiliate to participate in supplying energy from community-based  
9 renewable energy projects pursuant to this subsection.

10 **Sec. A-4. 35-A MRSA c. 36** is enacted to read:

11 **CHAPTER 36**

12 **COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY**

13 **§3601. Short title**

14 This chapter may be known and cited as "the Community-based Renewable Energy  
15 Act."

16 **§3602. Definitions**

17 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms  
18 have the following meanings.

19 **1. Community-based renewable energy project.** "Community-based renewable  
20 energy project" means a locally owned electricity generating facility that generates  
21 electricity from an eligible renewable resource.

22 **2. Eligible renewable resource.** "Eligible renewable resource" means a renewable  
23 resource as defined in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C, except that "eligible  
24 renewable resource" does not include a generator fueled by municipal solid waste in  
25 conjunction with recycling and does include a generator fueled by landfill gas. "Eligible  
26 renewable resource" includes a biomass generator whose fuel includes anaerobic  
27 digestion of agricultural products, byproducts or wastes.

28 **3. Locally owned electricity generating facility.** "Locally owned electricity  
29 generating facility" means an electricity generating facility at least 51% of which is  
30 owned by one or more qualifying local owners.

31 **4. Program participant.** "Program participant" means a community-based  
32 renewable energy project that is participating in the community-based renewable energy  
33 pilot program established in section 3603.

34 **5. Qualifying local owner.** "Qualifying local owner" means a person or entity that  
35 is:

36 A. An individual who is a resident of the State;

37 B. A political subdivision of the State, including, but not limited to, a county,  
38 municipality, quasi-municipal corporation or district as defined in Title 30-A, section  
39 2351, school administrative unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, public or private

1 institution of higher education, regional council of governments or any other local or  
2 regional governmental organization, including, but not limited to, a board,  
3 commission or association;

4 C. A department, agency or instrumentality of the State;

5 D. A federally recognized Indian tribe located in the State;

6 E. A nonprofit corporation, organized under the laws of the State, including a unit  
7 owners association organized under Title 33, section 1603-101; or

8 F. A business corporation, organized under the laws of the State, at least 51% of  
9 which is owned by one or more residents of the State.

10 **§3603. Community-based renewable energy pilot program**

11 **1. Program established.** The community-based renewable energy pilot program,  
12 referred to in this section as "the program," is established to encourage the sustainable  
13 development of community-based renewable energy in the State. The program is  
14 administered by the commission.

15 **2. Program scope; limits on generating capacity.** The commission shall limit  
16 participation in the program in accordance with this subsection.

17 A. The installed generating capacity of a program participant may not exceed 10  
18 megawatts.

19 B. The total installed generating capacity of all program participants combined may  
20 not exceed 50 megawatts.

21 C. The total installed generating capacity of program participants within the service  
22 territory of a single investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may not  
23 exceed 25 megawatts, unless a higher capacity limit is authorized by the utility and  
24 approved by the commission. The commission shall determine a generating capacity  
25 limit for the service territory of each investor-owned transmission and distribution  
26 utility at the outset of the program, taking into consideration the utility's electric load  
27 and share of electricity market in the State. The commission may modify the  
28 generating capacity limit under this paragraph based on program experience.

29 D. Of the 50-megawatt limit on total generating capacity under paragraph B, 10  
30 megawatts must be reserved at the outset of the program for program participants  
31 that:

32 (1) Have an installed generating capacity of less than 100 kilowatts; or

33 (2) Are located in the service territory of a consumer-owned transmission and  
34 distribution utility.

35 The commission may modify the amount of generating capacity reserved under this  
36 paragraph based on program experience.

37 E. The total installed generating capacity of program participants that receive the  
38 renewable energy credit multiplier incentive under section 3605 may not exceed 10  
39 megawatts.

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**3. Program eligibility criteria.** To be eligible to participate in the program, a community-based renewable energy project must:

A. Provide documentation of a resolution of support passed by the municipal legislative body or municipal officers, as appropriate, of the municipality in which the community-based renewable energy project is proposed to be located, except that any project that is proposed to be located wholly in an unorganized or deorganized area of the State or that has a generating capacity of less than 100 kilowatts is exempt from the requirement set forth in this paragraph;

B. In the case of a community-based renewable energy project proposed to be located on the tribal land or territory of a federally recognized Indian tribe in this State, including any land owned by the tribe or held in trust by the United States for the tribe, provide documentation that the tribe supports the community-based renewable energy project;

C. Be connected to the electric grid of this State;

D. Have an in-service date after September 1, 2009; and

E. Satisfy the limits on generating capacity established in subsection 2.

The commission shall prescribe an application form or procedure that must be used to apply to the program under this chapter. The application form or procedure must include any information that the commission determines necessary for the purpose of administering the program. The commission shall, within 30 days of receipt of a completed application, determine whether a community-based renewable energy project qualifies to participate in the program and respond in writing.

**4. Program incentives.** Subject to the requirements of subsection 2, a program participant may elect one of the following program incentives:

A. A long-term contract for community-based renewable energy pursuant to section 3604; or

B. The renewable energy credit multiplier pursuant to section 3605.

**§3604. Long-term contracts for community-based renewable energy**

Long-term contracts with program participants who elect the long-term contract for community-based renewable energy pursuant to section 3603, subsection 4, paragraph A are governed by this section.

**1. Investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities; required participation.** Notwithstanding section 3204, the commission may direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts with program participants located within the service territory of the utility for energy, capacity resources or renewable energy credits. The commission may direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts under this subsection only as agents for their customers and only in accordance with this section. An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall sell energy, capacity resources or renewable energy credits purchased pursuant to this subsection into the wholesale electricity market or take other action relative to such energy, capacity resources or renewable energy credits as directed by the commission.

1        **2. Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities; voluntary**  
2        **participation.** A consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may, at the  
3        option of the utility, enter into long-term contracts with program participants located  
4        within the service territory of the utility for energy, capacity resources or renewable  
5        energy credits. Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities may enter into  
6        contracts under this subsection only as agents for their customers and only in accordance  
7        with this section.

8        **3. Sale of energy; contract procedures.** Energy, capacity resources or renewable  
9        energy credits contracted in long-term contracts pursuant to this section may be sold into  
10       the wholesale electricity market in conjunction with solicitations for standard-offer  
11       supply bids under section 3212 or solicitations for green power offer bids under section  
12       3212-A. To the greatest extent possible, the commission shall develop procedures for  
13       long-term contracts for transmission and distribution utilities under this section having  
14       the same legal and financial effect as the procedures used for standard-offer service  
15       pursuant to section 3212 for transmission and distribution utilities.

16       **4. Contract term.** A contract entered into pursuant to this section may not be for  
17       more than 20 years.

18       **5. Contract pricing; cost containment.** The commission shall ensure that in any  
19       contract entered into pursuant to this section:

20       A. The average price per kilowatt-hour within each contract year does not exceed  
21       10¢; and

22       B. The cost of the contract does not exceed the cost of the project plus a reasonable  
23       rate of return on investment as determined by the commission.

24       **6. Competitive solicitation process and contract negotiation; large generators.**  
25       For program participants with a generating capacity of one megawatt or more, the  
26       commission shall, in accordance with this subsection, conduct competitive solicitations  
27       for long-term contracts. The commission shall require that bids include full project cost  
28       disclosure. Following a review of bids received, the commission may negotiate with one  
29       or more potential suppliers. The commission shall negotiate contracts that are  
30       commercially reasonable and that commit all parties to commercially reasonable  
31       behavior. In selecting program participants for contracting pursuant to this subsection, the  
32       commission shall select program participants that are competitive and the lowest priced  
33       when compared to other available bids of the same or similar contract duration or terms.

34       **7. Contract administration; small generators.** For program participants with a  
35       generating capacity of less than one megawatt, the commission shall administer long-term  
36       contracts at prices established by the commission by rule. The commission shall, at a  
37       minimum, establish prices for energy generated by the following renewable resources:

38       A. Wind power installations;

39       B. Solar arrays and installations; and

40       C. Any other renewable resource upon request of one or more community-based  
41       renewable energy generators that use that resource.

1 The commission shall establish prices under this subsection based on an analysis of  
2 reasonable costs and may establish different prices for different resources or technologies  
3 and different prices by time of generation in accordance with that analysis.

4 **8. Cost recovery.** The commission shall ensure that a transmission and distribution  
5 utility recovers in rates all costs of contracts entered into under this section, including but  
6 not limited to any effects on the utility's costs of capital. A price differential existing at  
7 any time during the term of the contract between the contract price and the prevailing  
8 market price at which the energy is sold must be reflected in rates and may not be  
9 considered to be imprudent.

10 **9. Contract payments.** Contracts for capacity and related energy entered into  
11 pursuant to this section must provide that payments will be made only after contracted  
12 amounts of energy have been provided.

13 **10. Ratepayer protection.** The commission shall ensure that mechanisms are  
14 established to provide protections for ratepayers over the term of contracts entered into  
15 pursuant to this section.

16 **§3605. Renewable energy credit multiplier**

17 The renewable energy credit multiplier is governed by this section. The value of a  
18 renewable energy credit for electricity generated by a program participant that elects the  
19 renewable energy credit multiplier under section 3603, subsection 4, paragraph B is 150%  
20 of the amount of the electricity. When a program participant elects the renewable energy  
21 credit multiplier, the multiplier must be accounted for when renewable energy credits are  
22 used to satisfy the portfolio requirements of section 3210, subsections 3 and 3-A.

23 **§3606. Rules**

24 The commission shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted under this  
25 section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

26 **§3607. Tracking; biennial report**

27 The commission shall develop and administer a system to register and track the  
28 development of community-based renewable energy projects and by January 15, 2011  
29 and biennially by January 15th thereafter shall report to the joint standing committee of  
30 the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters on the program and  
31 the development of community-based renewable energy projects. The report must  
32 include, but is not limited to:

33 **1. Community-based renewable energy development.** Documentation of the  
34 progress of community-based renewable energy development, including the number of  
35 community-based renewable energy projects in the State, the generating capacity of those  
36 projects and the kilowatt-hours of electricity purchased from community-based renewable  
37 energy projects; and

38 **2. Program implementation; assessment; recommendations.** Actions taken by the  
39 commission to implement the program, an assessment of the effectiveness of the program  
40 with respect to encouraging the sustainable development of community-based renewable

1 energy in the State and recommendations, including any necessary implementing  
2 legislation, to improve the program.

3 **§3608. Regulatory approvals; use of public resources**

4 **1. Regulatory approval.** The development, siting and operation of a community-  
5 based renewable energy project is subject to all applicable regulatory reviews and  
6 approvals required by governmental entities, including, but not limited to, municipalities  
7 and state agencies, pursuant to law, ordinance or rule.

8 **2. Use of publicly owned land, water or facilities.** Nothing in this chapter limits the  
9 authority of the State or a political subdivision of the State to use publicly owned land,  
10 water or facilities in the development and operation of a community-based renewable  
11 energy project or to lease publicly owned land, water or facilities to other qualifying  
12 owners for the development and operation of a community-based renewable energy  
13 project.

14 **§3609. Repeal; authority for legislation**

15 This chapter is repealed December 31, 2015. The joint standing committee of the  
16 Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters may report out legislation  
17 regarding this program to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

18 **Sec. A-5. 35-A MRSA §10008, sub-§6, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2007, c. 317, §15,  
19 is amended to read:

20 E. Nonelectric savings programs must be used to maximize fossil-fueled energy  
21 efficiency and conservation and associated greenhouse gas reductions, subject to the  
22 apportionment between fossil fuel and electricity conservation set forth in paragraph  
23 B. Community-based renewable energy projects, as defined in section 3602,  
24 subsection 1, may apply for funding from the trust as nonelectric savings programs.

25 **Sec. A-6. Community-based renewable energy pilot program; first**  
26 **biennial report; incentives for economically disadvantaged areas.** In the report  
27 due January 15, 2011 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3607, the  
28 Public Utilities Commission shall provide recommendations regarding policy options,  
29 including but not limited to financial incentives, to encourage the development of  
30 community-based renewable energy projects in economically disadvantaged areas of the  
31 State. For the purposes of this section, "economically disadvantaged areas" includes, but  
32 is not limited to, communities, counties and other geographic areas of the State in which  
33 the average weekly wage is below the state average weekly wage or the unemployment  
34 rate is greater than the state unemployment rate.

35 **Sec. A-7. Interim progress report.** No later than February 15, 2010, the Public  
36 Utilities Commission shall submit an interim progress report to the Joint Standing  
37 Committee on Utilities and Energy regarding the development and implementation of the  
38 community-based renewable energy pilot program pursuant to the Maine Revised  
39 Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 36, including, but not limited to:

40 1. Rulemaking undertaken by the commission pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3606,  
41 including, but not limited to, rulemaking to establish prices for long-term contracts for



1 program participants with a generating capacity of less than one megawatt pursuant to  
2 Title 35-A, section 3604, subsection 7;

3 2. The development of contract terms and conditions for long-term contracts under  
4 Title 35-A, section 3604; and

5 3. The number and types of projects that have expressed interest in the program to  
6 date, based on inquiries and applications made to the commission.

7 **PART B**

8 **Sec. B-1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 403, §5, is  
9 further amended to read:

10 **7. Information.** The commission shall inform electricity consumers in this State of  
11 the benefits of electricity generated in this State using renewable resources and of the  
12 opportunities available in this State to purchase electricity that is generated using those  
13 resources, including, but not limited to, the green power offer and other green power  
14 supply products and renewable energy credit products certified under section 3212-A.  
15 The commission may not promote any renewable resources over others. The commission  
16 may apply for, receive and expend grant money from the United States Department of  
17 Energy and other government agencies for this purpose. Notwithstanding section  
18 3211-A, subsection 5, the commission also may use up to \$100,000 per year from the  
19 conservation program fund established under section 3211-A, subsection 5 to support the  
20 purposes of this subsection. The commission may create or cause to be created a brand or  
21 logo to identify Maine renewable resources, including the green power offer and other  
22 green power supply products and renewable energy credit products certified under section  
23 3212-A, to consumers. The commission shall register any mark or logo created pursuant  
24 to this subsection with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in accordance  
25 with Title 10, chapter 301-A, or both. Any brand or logo created pursuant to this  
26 subsection may only be used in accordance with the purposes of this subsection as  
27 approved by the commission.

28 **Sec. B-2. 35-A MRSA §3212-A, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 403, §8,  
29 is further amended to read:

30 A. "Green power supply" means electricity supply or renewable energy credits for  
31 electricity generated only from renewable capacity resources as defined in section  
32 3210-C, subsection 1, paragraph E, except that the total power production capacity  
33 limit of 100 megawatts under section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C does not apply  
34 to wind power installations or from a generator fueled by landfill gas, including  
35 electricity generated by community-based renewable energy projects as defined in  
36 section 3602, subsection 1. For the purposes of this section, "green "Green power  
37 supply" includes a biomass generator, whose fuel may include, but is not limited to,  
38 anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, byproducts or wastes.

39 **Sec. B-3. 35-A MRSA §3212-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

40 **1-A. Green power offer.** The commission shall arrange for a green power offer that  
41 is composed of green power supply in accordance with this subsection. Except as  
42 provided in this subsection, the commission shall ensure that the green power offer is

1 available to all residential and small commercial electricity customers, as defined by the  
2 commission by rule, and shall administer a competitive bid process to select a green  
3 power offer provider or providers for the service territory of a transmission and  
4 distribution utility.

5 A. The green power offer must be in addition to existing standard-offer service under  
6 section 3212.

7 B. The commission shall, to the maximum extent possible:

8 (1) Incorporate green power supply from community-based renewable energy  
9 projects, as defined in section 3602, subsection 1, into the green power offer; and

10 (2) Encourage entities based in this State to provide green power supply from  
11 community-based renewable energy projects, as defined in section 3602,  
12 subsection 1 for the green power offer pursuant to this subsection.

13 C. The green power offer may include incidental amounts of electricity supply that  
14 do not meet the definition of green power supply, if the commission determines that  
15 including such electricity supply is necessary to ensure that a green power offer  
16 provider can meet its retail load obligation.

17 D. The commission shall, in accordance with section 3210, subsection 7, inform  
18 residential and small commercial consumers of electricity in this State of the  
19 opportunity to purchase the green power offer.

20 E. The commission is not required to arrange for a green power offer in the event  
21 that the commission receives no bids to provide the green power offer in a  
22 transmission and distribution utility's territory, determines that the bids it receives are  
23 inadequate or unacceptable or determines, based on prior experience arranging for a  
24 green power offer in a utility's territory, that it is reasonably likely that it will not  
25 receive any adequate or acceptable bids.

26 F. The commission is not required to arrange for a green power offer for the territory  
27 of a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility. If the commission  
28 arranges standard-offer service for a consumer-owned transmission and distribution  
29 utility, the consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may elect to have  
30 the commission arrange a green power offer in accordance with this subsection. A  
31 consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may establish a green power  
32 offer through a competitive bidding process conducted in accordance with the  
33 commission's rules governing the selection of a green power offer provider under this  
34 subsection.

35 The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted under this  
36 subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

37 **Sec. B-4. 35-A MRSA §3212-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 403, §8, is  
38 amended to read:

39 **2. Certification; information in bill inserts.** Beginning July 1, 2008, information  
40 regarding the availability of the green power offer and of green power supply products  
41 and renewable energy credit products that are certified by the commission may, at the  
42 option of the provider of the products offer or the product and with the cooperation of the

1 transmission and distribution utility, be presented through inserts in customer bills issued  
2 by transmission and distribution utilities. The costs of the inserts, including but not  
3 limited to printing and postage costs, are the responsibility of the provider of the offer or  
4 product. The commission may define the criteria for certification of green power supply  
5 products and renewable energy credit products by order or by rule, and the commission  
6 may limit the criteria for certification for consumer protection and eligibility verification  
7 purposes. Rules adopted to implement this subsection are routine technical rules as  
8 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

9 **Sec. B-5. 35-A MRSA §3212-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 403, §8, is  
10 amended to read:

11 **3. Repeal.** This section is repealed ~~July 1, 2010~~ December 31, 2015.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment is designed to  
14 encourage the development of community-based renewable energy in the State.

15 Part A establishes the community-based renewable energy pilot program,  
16 administered by the Public Utilities Commission, to encourage the sustainable  
17 development of community-based renewable energy in the State. The program has a  
18 sunset date of December 31, 2015. Participation in the program is limited to 50  
19 megawatts of generating capacity across all projects and each individual project is limited  
20 to 10 megawatts of generating capacity. To participate in the program, a community-  
21 based renewable energy project must have demonstrated local support in the form of a  
22 resolution of support.

23 A community-based renewable energy project that participates in the program may  
24 elect one of 2 program incentives: a long-term contract for energy generated by the  
25 project or a 150% multiplier on the value of renewable energy credits for electricity  
26 generated by the project, which must be accounted for when renewable energy credits are  
27 used to satisfy the State's renewable resource portfolio requirements. For the long-term  
28 contract option, the amendment establishes a maximum contract term of 20 years,  
29 establishes a cap of 10¢ per kilowatt-hour on the average price per kilowatt-hour within  
30 each contract year and requires the commission to ensure that mechanisms are established  
31 to protect electricity ratepayers over the contract term. The amendment authorizes the  
32 commission to direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into  
33 long-term contracts with program participants and authorizes consumer-owned  
34 transmission and distribution utilities, at their own option, to enter such contracts.

35 The amendment requires the commission to report biennially to the joint standing  
36 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters  
37 regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the community-based renewable  
38 energy pilot program and the overall development of community-based renewable energy  
39 projects in the State. In the first annual report, the commission is required to include  
40 recommendations for policy options to encourage the development of community-based  
41 renewable energy projects in economically disadvantaged areas of the State. The  
42 amendment also requires the commission to submit an interim progress report no later  
43 than February 15, 2010 regarding the development and implementation of the program.

1 Part A also authorizes, but does not require, the State to give preference to electricity  
2 generated by community-based renewable energy projects when purchasing electricity for  
3 the State and authorizes, but does not require, the commission to incorporate energy  
4 generated by community-based renewable energy projects into the supply of standard-  
5 offer service.

6 Part B requires the commission to arrange for a green power offer that is composed of  
7 electricity or renewable energy credits for electricity generated from renewable resources,  
8 including electricity generated by community-based renewable energy projects. It  
9 requires the commission to administer a competitive bid process to select a green power  
10 offer provider or providers. The amendment requires the commission to arrange the green  
11 power offer for the service territory of an investor-owned transmission and distribution  
12 utility and enables a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility to elect to have  
13 the commission arrange a green power offer if the commission arranges standard-offer  
14 service for that utility. The amendment requires the commission to inform consumers  
15 about the opportunity to purchase the green power offer and adds language to current law  
16 to allow for information regarding the green power offer to be presented through inserts  
17 in customer bills under the process that currently exists for other green power supply  
18 products. The amendment provides a sunset date of December 31, 2015 for the green  
19 power offer and for the existing law regarding bill inserts to inform consumers about  
20 green power supply products, which is currently repealed July 1, 2010.

21 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

22 **(See attached)**



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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1075

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**An Act To Promote Community-based Energy**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Utilities and Energy**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) related to establishing a community-based, renewable energy pilot program to encourage sustainable development of community-based energy in the State can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additionally, the PUC is to arrange for a green power offer that is composed of electricity or renewable energy credits for electricity generated by renewable resources.