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4. It includes the department within the definition of “agency” for the purposes of the Tribal-State Collaboration Act.
5. It requires the department, instead of the Public Utilities Commission, to adopt routine technical rules governing offshore wind energy procurements pursuant to the Maine Wind Energy Act.
6. It expands the definition of “primary storage facility” to specify that it includes a facility that receives petroleum products into the State by rail or truck.
7. It expands the department’s reporting requirement related to shortfalls in supply or anticipated deliveries of home heating oil or kerosene to include all petroleum products.
8. It clarifies the period of time in which the Public Utilities Commission must approve or reject a contract negotiated by the department for a competitive solicitation conducted by the department.
9. It clarifies the circumstances under which the department may share proposals and contract negotiation materials that are otherwise confidential.
10. It directs that certain activities of the Public Utilities Commission related to the carbon dioxide cap-and-trade program are to be undertaken by the Commissioner of Energy Resources.
11. It repeals a provision that directed the State Controller to transfer any unobligated balances related to the coastal zone management program remaining in the Bureau of Policy and Management program, Department of Marine Resources, Other Special Revenue Funds and federal funds to the Department of Energy Resources.
12. It requires the Department of Energy Resources to review the status of hydropower developments on the St. Croix River by January 1, 2028 and every 5 years thereafter and provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters regarding any significant developments or recommendations.

**LD 2203 An Act to Limit Rates Charged to Low-income Electricity Consumers**

Public Law 2025, chapter 640 prohibits a competitive electricity provider from providing to a customer receiving low-income assistance generation service at a rate that is greater than the standard-offer service rate that would otherwise be applicable to that customer. The law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to implement the law which may include, but are not limited to, rules governing the sharing of low-income assistance customer data by a transmission and distribution utility with a competitive electricity provider.