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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 477, L.D. 1379, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 8 the following:

Sec. 9. Community wind; Public Utilities Commission examination. The Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Director of Energy Independence and Security in the State Planning Office, shall undertake an examination of the type of electricity generation commonly referred to as "community wind." The commission shall:

1. Survey and gather information from appropriate agencies and experts with respect to community wind, including, but not limited to, its feasibility, impediments to its development and the need for and options for providing incentives for its development;

2. Determine what measures, if any, are required to address any impediments to the attraction and development of community wind projects in the State;

3. Develop recommendations for any appropriate changes to laws or rules or for the establishment of any financial incentives necessary to attract and develop appropriately sited community wind projects in the State that are consistent with high environmental standards;

4. Provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than January 13, 2006; and

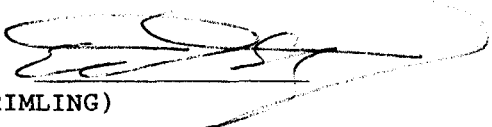
2 5. As part of its report, submit legislation by January 13,
4 provide a strategy to rapidly implement feasible community wind
sites.'

6 Further amend the amendment in section 9 in the 5th line
8 from the end (page 4, line 10 in amendment) by inserting after
10 the following: "project financing." the following: 'The
commission shall explore combining cell phone towers and similar
structures with wind power generating equipment and structures.'

12 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
14 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission to
22 study and report on the type of electricity generation referred
24 to as "community wind." The commission is directed to provide a
report of its findings and recommendations by January 13, 2006
and to submit legislation to provide a strategy to rapidly
implement feasible community wind sites. This amendment also
requires the Public Utilities Commission to explore combining
cell phone towers and similar structures with wind power
generating equipment and structures.

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