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L D 1431
(Filing No H-371)

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 927, L D 1431, "An Act Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Rules Promoting Renewable Energy"

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

'An Act to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Promote Certain Renewable Energy Projects and to Amend the Definitions of Certain Renewable Energy Resources'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2, 3 and 4 and inserting the following

'Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4-D is enacted to read

4-D. Residential consumer consent. A competitive electricity provider may not renew a contract to provide generation service to a residential consumer in the State without obtaining a signed statement from the residential consumer consenting to the renewal of the contract. The statement must be a separate document from the contract for generation service and it must be provided to the residential consumer at least 30 days before the scheduled renewal of the contract.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c 477, §1, is repealed

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c 477, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read

(2) Is either a renewable resource or ~~an efficient resource~~ a transformational energy resource

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶B-3, as amended by PL 2019, c 477, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1), division (f) to read

(f) Biomass generators that are fueled by wood, wood waste or ~~landfill gas,~~ or

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c 542, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (f) to read

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

- 1 (f) Hydroelectric generators, or
- 2 **Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c 542, §5, is
- 3 further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (g) to read
- 4 (g) Biomass generators that are fueled by ~~wood or wood waste, landfill gas~~ or
- 5 anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, by-products or wastes, ~~or~~
- 6 **Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c 542, §5, is
- 7 further amended by repealing subparagraph (2), division (h)
- 8 **Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read
- 9 F "Transformational energy resource" means a source of electrical generation the use
- 10 of which results in a gross reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the State as
- 11 determined by the commission'
- 12 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
- 13 number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

- 14 This amendment removes provisions of the bill requiring the Public Utilities
- 15 Commission to consider the social cost of carbon in ratemaking and adopting rules, to
- 16 promote the use of distributed energy resources and to adopt rules implementing credit
- 17 trading. The amendment
- 18
- 19 1 Requires a competitive electricity provider to obtain a residential consumer's consent
- 20 to renew a contract to provide generation service,
- 21
- 22 2 Amends the definition of "eligible resource" and "Class II resource" to include
- 23 transformational energy resources, defines "transformational energy resource" and
- 24 removes the definition of "efficient resource",
- 25
- 26 3 Removes wood and landfill gas as a source of electrical generation that qualifies as
- 27 a renewable capacity resource and a renewable resource for the purposes of the renewable
- 28 portfolio requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210,
- 29 subsection 2, paragraphs B-3 and C, respectively; and
- 30
- 31 4 Removes generators fueled by municipal solid waste as a source of electrical
- 32 generation that qualifies as a renewable resource for the purposes of the renewable portfolio
- 33 requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2,
- paragraph C

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LR 1711(02)

An Act Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Rules Promoting Renewable Energy

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A. (H-371)

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources