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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 792, L D 1943, "An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine"

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

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSa §3210-I, sub-§3-A is enacted to read

3-A. Requests for proposals; additional generation capacity. The commission shall issue a request for proposals for the development and construction of renewable energy generation projects in northern Maine, in addition to those selected under subsection 3, in order to maximize the utilization of the capacity of the transmission line proposal selected under subsection 2. The commission shall

A Approve a contract as long as the commission determines that the contract meets the requirements of subsection 2, paragraph C and is in the public interest, and

B Consider bids in any previous request for proposals issued under subsection 3 by

(1) Providing those bidders with an opportunity to submit updated proposals that account for any previous contract awards in order to ensure that proposals are expeditiously received and most cost-effective in consideration of those previous awards, and

(2) Applying evaluation criteria set forth in this subsection, except that the commission shall give greatest preference to any proposal that

(a) Demonstrates the greatest likelihood of ensuring the success of the program by contributing to the likelihood of successful completion of the transmission line proposal selected under subsection 2 and other generation proposals selected under subsection 3,

(b) Is submitted by a bidder that demonstrates significant experience in the successful completion of renewable energy generation projects similar to that proposal, and

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1 (c) Complements the proposals previously selected under subsection 3, but
2 mitigates overall risk to the success of the program by diversifying bidder
3 selection and economic development opportunities in northern Maine

4 If a selected proposal under this subsection is unable, at any time after selection and before
5 commercial operation, to fulfill the obligations of the contract, the commission may
6 consider other proposals received under this subsection or subsection 3 to ensure the
7 successful implementation of the program If the commission finds that a proposal or
8 proposals, whether in whole or in part, received under this subsection or subsection 3 would
9 support the overall successful implementation of the program, the commission shall
10 approve and order a contract or contracts accordingly

11 **Sec. 2. Integration study and cluster system impact study; timing.** The
12 Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a request for proposals and approve contracts in
13 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-I, subsection 3-A, if
14 practicable, on a schedule to enable selected renewable energy generation projects to seek
15 inclusion in the New England independent system operator's Third Maine Resource
16 Integration Study and the subsequent cluster system impact study If the commission
17 determines that the request for proposals or approval of contracts would interfere with the
18 completion of the cluster system impact study, it may delay the request for proposals or
19 approval of contracts until such time that such actions would no longer interfere '

20 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
21 number to read consecutively

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This amendment replaces the bill It directs the Public Utilities Commission to issue a
24 request for proposals for the development and construction of renewable energy generation
25 projects in northern Maine to maximize the use of the transmission line proposal selected
26 in accordance with the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program The
27 amendment provides that the commission must conduct the request for proposals and
28 approval of contracts, if practicable, on a schedule to allow selected projects to seek
29 inclusion in the Third Maine Resource Integration Study and the subsequent cluster system
30 impact study

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-359)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources