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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1442, L.D. 2153, "An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources"

Amend the bill in Part B in section 1 in subparagraph (2-A) in the first line (page 24, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2033" and inserting the following: '2027'

Amend the bill in Part B by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. B-9. 35-A MRSA §10313, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 476, Pt. A, §16, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commission shall approve or reject a contract within 120 calendar days, unless a longer period is requested by the department. If the commission approves a contract, the commission shall issue an order directing a transmission and distribution utility to act with respect to the contract ~~within 120 calendar days, unless a longer period is requested by the department.~~ If the commission does not approve a contract, the commission may direct that the contract be amended and resubmitted to the commission for approval.'

Amend the bill in Part B in section 9 in subsection 9 in the last line (page 27, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "disseled" the following: 'except the department may share proposals and contract negotiation materials with the commission as necessary for the commission to approve a contract pursuant to subsection 7 and the department may make public certain information regarding submitted proposals at the conclusion of a solicitation, including, but not limited to, the identity of the bidder awarded a contract and the bid price'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

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1. It requires the Department of Energy Resources to be subject to a review under the State Government Evaluation Act in 2027 instead of 2033.

2. 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.

3. It clarifies the circumstances under which the department may share proposals and contract negotiation materials that are otherwise confidential.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 2953(02)

An Act to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-835)

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

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