

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 100 - L.D. 194

**An Act to Update and Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Reporting Requirements**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 137, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Regional issues.** The commission's efforts undertaken in accordance with its authority under this Title to promote and protect consumer interests through participation in and presentations before regional entities and federal agencies with jurisdiction over regional marketplaces that affect the State's consumers, including, but not limited to, the efforts described in section 1911. The commission must provide an assessment of staffing requirements to undertake these responsibilities;

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §8, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

**6. Significant developments.** Any significant developments in the utility sectors or other areas of commission oversight; including, but not limited to, the developments described in the following provisions:

A. Section 3195, subsection 5; and

B. Section 4706, subsection 9;

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 122, §11, is amended to read:

**7. Other.** All other subjects that the commission is required to include in the annual report pursuant to law, including, but not limited to, the following provisions:

A. Title 25, section 2927, subsection 5;

B. Section 3144, subsection 5;

C. Section 3214, subsection 6;

D. Section 3217, subsection 4;

E. Section 4706-B, subsection 4; and

F. Section 6102-A, subsection 2.

**Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §1911**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 445, §7, is further amended to read:

**§1911. Reports**

The commission shall include in its annual report under section 120, subsection 3 a description of its efforts to pursue, in appropriate regional and federal forums, market and rule changes that will reduce the basis differential for natural gas coming into New England ~~and data and analysis regarding leak emissions of greenhouse gases from liquefied natural gas storage that has been contracted for through a physical energy storage contract.~~

**Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3143, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 539, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 476, §2, is further amended by amending the 6th blocked paragraph to read:

By January 1st of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters on the procurement of transmission capacity, capacity resources, energy and renewable energy credits in the preceding 12 months under this subsection, ~~the Community-based Renewable Energy Act~~ and deep-water offshore wind energy pilot projects under Public Law 2009, chapter 615, Part A, section 6, as amended by Public Law 2013, chapter 369, Part H, sections 1 and 2 and chapter 378, sections 4 to 6. The report must contain information, including, but not limited to, the number of requests for proposals by the commission for long-term contracts, the number of responses to requests for proposals pursuant to which a contract has been finalized, the number of executed term sheets or contracts resulting from the requests for proposals, the commission's initial estimates of ratepayer costs or savings associated with any approved term sheet, actual ratepayer costs or savings for the previous year associated with any procurement, the total ratepayer costs or savings at the time of the report and the megawatt-hours, renewable energy credits or capacity produced or procured through contracts. The report must include actual ratepayer costs or savings for the previous year associated with any contract executed under the Community-based Renewable Energy Act. The report must also include a plan for the succeeding 12 months pertaining to the procurement of capacity resources, energy and renewable energy credits, including dates for requests for proposals, and types of resources to be procured.

**Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3217, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §15, is repealed.

**Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3607**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §7508, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §18, is repealed.