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Policy Decisions

- Should the 100 megawatt limit be removed?
- Should thermal energy be added as an eligible technology in the RPS?
- Should the PUC conduct a study on implementing a solar carve-out?
- Should the definition of refurbishment be clarified?

Other documents in this packet

A description of the solar-carve out study

A table of the costs of solar RECs

Summary of proposed bills to amend the RPS

Summary of testimony on LD 646

Copy of flow chart from presentation on Nov. 14, 2013 from Charles Niebling (thermal energy)

Copy of written testimony from Charles Niebling (thermal energy)

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SUMMARY OF SOLAR CARVE-OUT STUDY

Report on solar requirements. By January 15, 2014, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology a report outlining options and issues in establishing a solar carve-out within the State's renewable portfolio standard as established in 1 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210. A solar carve-out is an amount of energy purchased that must be solar energy. The report must identify key policy determinations and summarize solar carve-out policies in other states, such as Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. The report must provide estimates for the scope of a carve-out that might be needed in the State to significantly increase generation of solar power and provide capacity resource diversity. The report must include quantitative and qualitative information about costs and benefits of a solar carve-out, including a carve-out of the existing renewable portfolio standard and a carve-out that was additional to the existing renewable portfolio standard.