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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 751, L.D. 1850, “An Act Relating to Energy Storage and the State's Energy Goals”

Amend the amendment in the first instructional paragraph (page 1, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and inserting the following:" and inserting the following: '!'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 12 to 31 in amendment).

Amend the amendment by striking out the 6th instructional paragraph and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. Public Utilities Commission; utility ownership or control of energy storage. The Public Utilities Commission shall conduct one or more proceedings to recommend the conditions under which an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may own, have a financial interest in or otherwise control an energy storage system, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3481, subsection 6, in order to perform its obligations as a transmission and distribution utility in an effective, prudent and efficient manner.

1. In conducting the proceedings, the commission shall consider at a minimum the role that investor-owned transmission and distribution utility ownership of, financial interest in or control of energy storage systems may have in:

- A. The achievement of the state energy storage goals established in Title 35-A, section 3145, including current and future state programs to encourage investment in energy storage;
- B. The achievement of the objectives of Title 35-A, chapter 32;
- C. The achievement of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements established in Title 38, section 576-A;
- D. The achievement of the renewable energy goals established in Title 35-A, section 3210;

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1 E. The achievement of the renewable energy deployment goals of the State, including
2 but not limited to the solar deployment goals established in Title 35-A, chapter 34-B
3 and the wind energy development goals established in Title 35-A, chapter 34; and

4 F. The procurement of nonwires alternatives under Title 35-A, section 3132-D.

5 The commission shall submit a report containing any statutory changes or rule making that
6 the commission recommends related to energy storage to the Joint Standing Committee on
7 Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than February 15, 2024. The committee may
8 report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report.''

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

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment removes a provision relating to financial interests owned by
13 investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and requires the Public Utilities
14 Commission to initiate one or more proceedings to recommend the conditions under which
15 an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may own, have a financial interest
16 in or otherwise control an energy storage system, including recommended statutory
17 changes or rule making. The amendment also changes the commission's reporting date to
18 February 15, 2024 and states that the Joint standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and
19 Technology may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report.

20 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

21 **(Senator VITELLI, E.)**

22 **COUNTY: Sagadahoc**