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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” 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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