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**Testimony of the Maine Public Utilities Commission**  
**Neither For Nor Against**  
**LD 1830, An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals**

May 9, 2023

Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology (Committee), my name is Deirdre Schneider, testifying neither for nor against LD 1830, An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 1830 requires the Commission to conduct a competitive solicitation for energy or renewable energy credits from eligible Class IA resources located on contaminated lands that are equal to 5% of the retail electricity sales in the State from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, plus any output procured in accordance with section 3210-G for which the contract for that energy or renewable energy credits has been voided. It requires the Commission to approve contracts under this procurement by December 31, 2024.

This bill overlaps in several ways to LD 1591.<sup>1</sup> The Commission has met with stakeholders and the sponsors of these two bills, Senator Vitelli and Senator Brenner, and is currently in the process of working with the sponsors on an amendment to harmonize these two bills and make other changes to provide the Commission with the flexibility needed to achieve the intended goals as cost effectively as possible for Maine ratepayers.

We will continue working with the sponsors and stakeholders on this amendment with the goal of having revised language for the Committee to review in advance of the work session.

I would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information for the work session.

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<sup>1</sup> The public hearing for this bill occurred on April 20, 2023.