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In Support of

LD 906, An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline

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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology (Committee), my name is Deirdre Schneider, testifying in support of LD 906, An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

LD 906 moves the date for a report required pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 3473, subsection 1-A from January 1st to February 10th. The report is required to look at the costs and benefits from solar energy development and must include at a minimum:

- Revenue from the sale of renewable energy credits;
- Societal benefits through avoided greenhouse gas emissions;
- Reduced electricity prices; and
- Avoided or reduced costs associated with:
 - Electricity capacity requirements;
 - Environmental compliance requirements;
 - Portfolio requirements established in section 3210;
 - Renewable energy credit price suppression; and
 - Electricity transmission and distribution costs.

Since the report is looking at information from the previous calendar year, the January 1st reporting date requires some assumptions because there is not sufficient time to analyze the data through December 31st. Moving the reporting date to February 10th allows the necessary time to more fully analyze information and avoids the inclusion of some assumptions in the final report.

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