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**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST**

**2013-2014 Regulatory Agenda**

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **95-648**

AGENCY NAME: **Efficiency Maine Trust**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2013-2014 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTER 101, Electric Energy Programs**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A MRSA §10110 (13), §10105(5)

PURPOSE: To amend Chapter 380, the rule inherited by the Trust from the Maine Public Utilities Commission for implementing the requirements of electric energy efficiency and conservation programs, to reflect the shift in program administrators and to re-number the rule so that it fits into the Trust’s rule structure.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2014

AFFECTED PARTIES: Service providers for and consumers participating in electric energy efficiency and conservation programs, and ratepayer advocates.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 102, Natural Gas Programs**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A MRSA §10111(3), §10105(5)

PURPOSE: To amend Chapter 480, the rule inherited by the Trust from the Maine Public Utilities Commission for implementing the requirements of natural gas conservation programs, to reflect the shift in program administrators and to renumber the rule so that it fits into the Trust’s rule structure.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2014

AFFECTED PARTIES: Service providers for and consumers participating in natural gas efficiency and conservation programs, and ratepayer advocates.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**Chapter 103, Renewable Resource and Energy Efficiency Fund Regulations**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A MRSA §10121
PURPOSE: To amend the rule to implement the requirements of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund, as amended by LD 1864 in the last legislative session, and incorporate the capacity to collect voluntary contributions aimed at increasing energy efficiency that are made to the Fund.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2014

AFFECTED PARTIES: Solar and wind energy rebate program participants and system installers, community demonstration grant recipients, Maine R&D educational institutions.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 104, Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A MRSA §10105(5), §10109.
PURPOSE: To establish a rule specific to the Efficiency Maine Trust to implement the requirements for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund. This rule will replace portions of Energy and Carbon Savings Trust Rule Chapter 2, Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring, and Evaluation Requirements.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2014

AFFECTED PARTIES: Large electricity customers, climate change advocacy groups, Maine energy marketers, utilities and utility customers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

**CHAPTER 110, PACE Program Regulations**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRSA §12004-G(10c); 35-A MRSA §10105(5); 35-A MRSA §10151 PURPOSE: To amend the rule regarding the underwriting standards and process for PACE loans and PACE agreements and to allow the use of the PACE program with multi-family residential and commercial building projects.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2014

AFFECTED PARTIES: PACE loan program participants, weatherization contractors, and installers.