

# Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

AGENCY: **MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION,**  
*Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry*

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE:

Chapter 10, Land Use Subdistricts and Standards

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. 685-A(3); §685-A(7-A); and §685-C(5)

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

*None*

COMMENT DEADLINE: Written comments must be submitted on or prior to December 15, 2017; Written rebuttal comments must be submitted on or prior to December 22, 2017

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)]

The Land Use Planning Commission is seeking public Comment on a petition to amend Chapter 10 *Land Use Districts and Standards*, to allow development of grid-scale solar energy generation facilities with a permit in the Commercial Industrial Development Subdistrict (D-CI). The proposal includes a set of criteria that help identify eligible locations for redistricting to D-CI for the purpose of developing a grid-scale solar energy generation facility. A D-CI subdistrict designated for the purpose of developing a grid-scale solar energy generation facility would automatically revert to the prior subdistrict designation if the facility is not developed within a reasonable period of time, or if built, upon decommissioning of the facility.

IS MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE RULE?  YES  NO [*§8056(1)(B)*]

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)]

*Allowance of grid-scale solar energy generation facilities in suitable locations.*

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE (including up to 3 primary sources relied upon) [*see* §§8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B]

*Staff visited an existing grid-scale solar farm in Maine, met with knowledgeable staff at the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and reviewed regulatory strategies used in other states to address grid-scale solar energy generation facilities.*

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(C)]

There will be no measurable fiscal impact of these rule changes.

***FOR EXISTING RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:***

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:  
[*see* §8057-A(2)(A)]

INDIVIDUALS, MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED: [*see* §8057-A(2)(B)]

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(2)(C)]

*Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.*