**Maine Public Utilities Commission**

**2016 Biomass Resources RFP (Docket No. 2016-00084)**

**Bidder Q&A**

**July 20, 2016**

Q1: Please describe the methodology or provide the formula that will be used to determine a bid’s overall costs and benefits and select among competing bids.**A1. A specific methodology/formula has not been pre-established, and may, to some extent, depend upon the nature of the bids.**

Q2: Is it permissible for a bidder to bundle the output of more than one facility?

**A2. It may be, but, if possible, bidders should provide bids both ways, i.e., on a bundled and facility-specific basis.**

Q3: Section 2 of Public Law 2016 Chapter 483 allows for either a contract for energy or a contract for differences.   The draft contract posted on the PUC website does not contain provisions for a contract-for-differences approach.  Does the PUC plan to issue a different draft contract for this commercial arrangement?

**A3. The RFP allows for either physical or financial pricing structures.  If a bidder wishes to propose a CFD structure, please redline the Purchase and Sale Agreement provided on the PUC website to accommodate that approach.**

Q4:   Will the PUC consider credit support structures and amounts that differ from the structure and amount contained in the draft contract posted on the PUC website?

**A4. The Credit Support requirements set forth in the draft contract are intended to secure the adjustments to contract prices that are required by statute in the event the required in-state benefits are not achieved. If a bidder wishes to propose alternative Credit Support requirements, please redline the Purchase and Sale Agreement provided on the PUC website.**