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Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, Senate Chair
Honorable Stanley “Paige” Zeigler, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Report required pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 604

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:

Beginning January 15, 2023, then biennially thereafter, [Public Law 2021, chapter 604](#)¹ requires the Maine Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (Committee) on the combined heat and power program (program) and the development of combined heat and power (CHP) projects. Specifically, the report must include:

- Documentation of the progress of CHP project development, including the number of such projects, the net generation capacity of those projects and the kilowatt-hours of electricity purchased from those projects; and
- Any actions taken by the Commission to implement the program, an assessment of the effectiveness of the program with respect to encouraging the sustainable development of CHP projects and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to improve the program.

On December 1, 2022, the Commission issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the sale of energy, capacity or renewable energy credits from qualifying CHP projects. Proposals are due from bidders on March 3, 2023.² Once the Commission evaluates the proposals it receives in response the RFP, the Commission will provide an update to the Committee on the outcome of that process.

Sincerely,

Philip L. Bartlett II, Chairman
Maine Public Utilities Commission

¹ [35-A M.R.S. § 3626](#)

² <https://www.maine.gov/mpuc/regulated-utilities/electricity/rfp-awarded-contracts/combined-heat-power>