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Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, Senate Chair  
Honorable S. 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 Section 10 of Public Law 2023, chapter 411 (LD 1986)**

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

Section 10 of [Public Law 2023, chapter 411](#) (Act) requires the Maine Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (Committee) regarding the proceeding and any actions taken under [35-A M.R.S. § 3209-E](#). Section 3209-E allows the Commission to develop one or more opt-in programs after conducting a proceeding to examine and evaluate opt-in program designs to reduce net energy billing costs.

The Act also allows the Commission to conduct one or competitive solicitations to procure distributed generation resources that have met or are likely to meet applicability requirements to participate in net energy billing. On December 29, 2023, the Commission issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with the Act.<sup>1</sup> Proposals in response to the RFP were required to be submitted by March 15, 2024. The Commission is currently evaluating the proposals submitted in response to the RFP.

Due to the ongoing competitive solicitation process, the Commission has not yet initiated a proceeding pursuant to section 3209-E. The Commission plans to evaluate the necessity of a proceeding relating to possible opt-in program designs once the solicitation process is completed. Upon completion of the competitive solicitation, the Commission will have a better sense of any savings to ratepayers achieved through this process, as well as have a better understanding of how any opt-in program may be structured to achieve additional ratepayer savings. The Commission will provide any updates related to section 3209-E to the Committee once further steps are taken to exercise the Commission's authority.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P.L. Bartlett II", written in a cursive style.

Philip L. Bartlett II, Chairman  
Maine Public Utilities Commission

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<sup>1</sup> [Docket No. 2023-00335](#)