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**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

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AGENCY NAME: **Efficiency Maine Trust**

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

**EXPECTED 2025 – 2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 1, Contracting Process for Service Providers and Grant Recipients**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35-A MRSA §10105(4), 10105(5), 10109, 10110(3), 10111(3), 10119(3), 10124, 10125, 10126, 10127, 10154, 10155, 10159.
PURPOSE: To amend the rule to accommodate a broader range of agreement types resulting from the Efficiency Maine Trust’s competitive solicitations.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Winter 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Service providers and consumers participating in Efficiency Maine Trust programs.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 2, Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35-A MRSA §10105(5), §10109.
PURPOSE: To update the rule to reflect the Efficiency Maine Trust’s administration of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Trust Fund, eliminating legacy language from when the RGGI Trust Fund was managed by the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust, and other relevant updates in Maine law.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Winter 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Industrial energy consumers, Governor’s Energy Office, Office of the Public Advocate, environmental advocates.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 3,** **Electric Efficiency and Conservation Programs**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35-A MRSA §10105(5), §10110(13).
PURPOSE: To broaden the rule’s definition of “low-income consumer” to reflect income-based eligibility criteria and reflect other updates to Maine law, as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Winter 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and vendors of energy equipment and services, Trust stakeholders and low-income advocates

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 4, Natural Gas Energy Conservation Programs**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35-A MRSA §10105(5), §10111(3)
PURPOSE: To update the rule to broaden the definition of “low-income consumer” to reflect income-based eligibility criteria.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Winter 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Consumers and vendors of energy equipment and services, Trust stakeholders and advocates

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 5, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Regulations**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35-A MRSA §10203(5)
PURPOSE: To update the rule to reflect the Efficiency Maine Trust’s administration of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (Commercial PACE) program.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Winter 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial consumers participating in Efficiency Maine Trust programs, municipalities, banking institutions.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 103, Renewable Resources Fund Regulations: Selection Criteria for Demonstration Projects, Cost-Effectiveness Requirements for Renewable Energy Rebates and Quality Assurance System**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35-A MRSA §10121

PURPOSE: To repeal the rule to reflect recent changes in statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Winter 2026

AFFECTED PARTIES: Trust stakeholders and advocates, solar energy advocates and system installers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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