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Honorable David C. Woodsome, Senate Chair
Honorable Mark N. Dion, House Chair
Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Market-Based Solar Policy Design Stakeholder Process Report

Dear Senator Woodsome and Representative Dion:

During its 2015 session, the Maine Legislature enacted L.D. 1263, *Resolve, To Create Sustainable Growth in Maine's Distributed Energy Sector That Uses Market Forces To Fairly Compensate Energy Producers* (Resolve). Resolves 2015, ch. 37. The Resolve required that the Commission convene a stakeholder group to develop an alternative to net energy billing and specified that, to the maximum extent possible, the recommendations from the stakeholder group must reflect a consensus among the stakeholders. The Resolve further directed the Commission to deliver a report to the Legislature that includes an overview of the stakeholder discussions; an overview of the new alternative solar policy developed; any areas where the stakeholders were unable to reach consensus and technical specifications, rules and policies that may be needed for implementation. The Resolve requires that the report be submitted by January 30, 2016. Attached is the Commission's report for the Committee's consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Vannoy, Chairman

On behalf of the Chairman and
Carlisle J. T. McLean, Commissioner
R. Bruce Williamson, Commissioner

Attachment

cc: Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee Members
Deirdre Schneider, Legislative Analyst