

**An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System
Reliability and Protect the Environment**

PART H

**OCEAN ENERGY
NEEDS TITLE**

Sec. 1. PL 2009, c. 615, section A-6, the third to last paragraph is amended to read:

The commission may not approve any long-term contract under this section that would result in an increase in any customer class that is greater than ~~the amount of the assessment charged under Title 35-A, section 10110, subsection 4 at the time that the contract is entered~~ \$1.45 per megawatt hour.

Sec. 2. PL 2009, c. 615, section A-6 is amended to enact the following after the last paragraph.

So that the State may consider additional proposals for deepwater offshore wind energy in the event that a supplier that is approved for a term sheet or awarded a contract elects not to go forward for any reason, including that it does not receive necessary federal funding or financing, the commission shall consider other eligible projects that can be funded within the existing funding cap. To consider additional proposals, the commission shall conduct a second competitive solicitation for proposals. The commission may approve additional projects and for a contract contingent on other offshore energy projects with terms sheets or contracts previously approved by the commission not proceeding to construction within the time requirements or deadlines set forth in the applicable term sheet or contract. The University of Maine's pilot deepwater offshore wind site shall be considered a Deep-Water Offshore Wind Energy Pilot Project within the meaning of this Act. The commission shall make all reasonable efforts to complete its review and vote on a term sheet by December 31, 2013.