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December 31, 2024

Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, Senate Chair  
Honorable Melanie Sachs, House Chair  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

**Re: Update Regarding Public Law 2023, chapter 374**

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT Committee):

Section 2, subsection 4 of [Public Law 2023, chapter 374](#) (the Act) requires the Maine Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to review, by December 31, 2024, the recommendations of the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) regarding a program to procure up to 200 megawatts of energy storage capacity. The Act also requires that upon a finding that proposed program is reasonably likely to achieve the objectives established in Section 2, subsection 1 of the Act, the Commission shall take steps to implement the program including the submission of a report to the EUT Committee that identifies any changes to law needed to allow the Commission to fully implement the program.

The Commission received the GEO's final recommendations on December 23, 2024.<sup>1</sup> The Commission will make every effort to expedite the review of the GEO's recommendations to determine if the proposed program is reasonably likely to achieve the objective established in the Act and if the Commission would need additional authority under law to implement the program fully. If additional authority is needed, the Commission will submit a follow-up report to this letter that includes suggested legislation for the EUT Committee's consideration.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Bartlett II".

Philip L. Bartlett II, Chairman

cc: Lindsay Laxon, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

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<sup>1</sup> Section 2, subsection 3 of the Act requires the GEO to submit its recommendations to the Commission by March 31, 2024.