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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1053, L.D. 1472, Bill, “An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7 (page 1, lines 28 to 35 and page 2, lines 1 to 7 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Sec. 7. PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §6 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission shall conduct a 2nd competitive solicitation of proposals for projects under this section and may not award a contract for a proposal under this section until it completes its review of additional proposals under this paragraph, as long as any such additional proposals are received before September 1, 2013. The commission may approve additional projects including but not limited to a project that is contingent on other projects previously approved by the commission not proceeding to construction within the time requirements or deadlines set forth under the previous approval. All proposals received under this section must be evaluated using the same criteria. The University of Maine's deep-water offshore wind energy pilot project must be considered a deep-water offshore wind energy pilot project under this section. The commission shall make all reasonable efforts to complete its review of proposals under competitive solicitation conducted pursuant to this paragraph and make decisions on additional proposals by December 31, 2013. The commission shall make every effort to finalize a contract under this section.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a 2nd round of competitive solicitation for deep-water offshore wind energy pilot projects and provides that the University of Maine deep-water offshore wind energy pilot project is eligible to apply for designation as a pilot project. This amendment requires that, in order to be included in the review of proposals, such additional proposals must be received before September 1, 2013, and that the commission make every effort to finalize a contract.

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