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ORDER REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy Generation and Transmission Projects Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

During its 2021 session, the Legislature enacted an Act To Require Prompt and Effective Use of the Renewable Energy Resources of Northern Maine, P.L. 2021, Chapter 380 (Act), which established the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program. The Act requires the Commission to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for: (1) the development and construction of a 345-kilovolt double circuit "generation connection line," or a transmission line or lines of greater capacity, to connect renewable energy resources located in northern Maine with the electric grid operated by ISO-NE; and (2) the development and construction of renewable energy generation projects that are designed to connect to and transmit power across the transmission line or lines procured.

The RFP for transmission and generation projects is attached to this Order. Proposals for Transmission Projects in response to the RFP must be submitted **on or before March 1, 2022**. Proposals for Generation Projects in response to the RFP must be submitted **on or before May 1, 2022**.

Dated at Hallowell, Maine, this 29th day of November, 2021.

<u>/s/ Harry Lanphear</u> Harry Lanphear Administrative Director