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Maine's Energy Policy Issues:

- Renewable Energy Subsidies
 - Renewable Portfolio Standard; Net Energy Billing a/k/a net metering; 100 MW limit on hydropower
 - solar specific – above market, long term contracts; expanding NEB/eligibility criteria for community solar; standard solar buyer; expand NEB model to small businesses/farms;
 - biomass specific - RPS changes for biomass; thermal RECS; economic benefit REC; require efficiency programs to consider economic benefits
- RGGI Revenue and Allocations
- Offshore Wind – Maine Aqua Ventus Project
- Relicensing Burden for small hydropower facilities
- Consolidating/Focusing Maine's Primary Energy Goals
- Creating Maine Energy Office
- Affiliate Generation
- Consumer protection provisions regarding CEPs
- Policy for establishing microgrids (backup and standby charges by t&ds)
- Energy Cost Reduction Contract for natural gas delivery capacity
- State-specific mitigation for Geomagnetic Disturbance/Electromagnetic Pulse (GMD-EMP)
- Smart meter opt-out charges
- Non-transmission Alternative Coordinator/Smart-Grid Coordinator

State Energy Program Activities:

- Energy Planning Roadmap (SEP Competitive 2015)
- Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap (SEP Competitive 2016)
- State Wood Energy Assistance Team
- Statewide Analysis of Biomass Electric Sector
- Climate Change Activities
 - Maine Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Working Group (MICCA)
 - NEG-ECP Climate Change Initiative (EUDE and EST subcommittees)
- VW Settlement/EV charging infrastructure deployment
- Offshore Wind Collaborative
- Efficiency Maine Trust Board of Directors

Other (Non-SEP) Activities:

- Water utility charters – prohibition of large volume sales
- Broadband expansion/subsidization efforts
- Kari's law (LD 825)
- Pole attachments