

RULES OF THE EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

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Chapter 1: Contracting Process for Service Providers and Grant Recipients

This chapter (known as “The Procurement Rule”) establishes the procedures governing the selection of service providers for energy efficiency and alternative energy programs administered by the Trust and the selection of grant recipients to receive funds administered by the Trust for energy efficiency and alternative energy projects.

Chapter 2: Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements

This chapter establishes administrative and operational requirements for the Trust for the use of funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) (which funds were formerly governed by the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust, which was incorporated into the Efficiency Maine Trust on July 1, 2010). It includes provisions governing the management of competitive bid processes undertaken by the Trust and of post-grant award evaluation and monitoring of programs and projects funded by the Trust.

Chapter 3: Electric Efficiency and Conservation Programs

This chapter describes how the Trust will implement electric efficiency and conservation programs.

Chapter 4: Natural Gas Energy Conservation Programs

This chapter describes how the Trust will implement natural gas energy conservation programs.

Chapter 5: Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Regulations

The purpose of this chapter is to establish elements of a C-PACE Program in Maine. The rule enumerates underwriting standards, quality assurance provisions, and how the program will be administered, whether administered by the Trust (or its agent) or by a municipality, as provided by the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (35-A M.R.S. §§10201, et. seq.).

Chapter 103: Renewable Resources Fund Regulations: Selection Criteria for Demonstration Projects, Cost-Effectiveness Requirements for Renewable Energy Rebates and Quality Assurance System

The chapter establishes rules to implement objectives for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund as specified in Title 35-A M.R.S. §10121. *[This Fund was repealed by the Maine Legislature in 2023, so the rule will be formally repealed in the next 12 months.]* The rule includes selection criteria for the competitive bid process for renewable energy research and development projects by Maine educational institutions; selection criteria for the bid process for community demonstration projects requiring use of cost-effectiveness and other criteria in selecting projects to fund. The rule designates qualification criteria for rebates of renewable energy technologies including means of determining cost-effectiveness and meeting quality assurance requirements.

Chapter 110: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Regulations

The basis of this rule is to establish underwriting standards and consumer disclosure requirements for PACE loans and PACE agreements with owners of qualifying property who are participating in PACE programs, and to establish terms and conditions and a quality assurance system for PACE programs, whether administered by Efficiency Maine Trust (or its agent) or by a municipality.