

## **Summary of Decision Regarding Opt-Out Provision for Groups of Residential Customers**

On September 7, the Commission reached a decision regarding an opt-out provision for groups of residential customers who transfer into and out of standard offer service. On September 9, an Advisory Ruling was issued describing the decision.

The decision, and instructions on how to access the Advisory Ruling, have been on the Question and Answer page since they were issued. However, it has come to our attention that some potential bidders are not aware of the decision. Therefore, a summary of the decision and a pointer to the Advisory Ruling are repeated below. On the Question and Answer page, the following questions relate to this issue: Questions 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, Q73 follow-up, Q12 follow-up, and a second Q12 follow-up.

There are now approximately 100 questions and answers on the Q&A page, which is accessible from the bottom portion of the RFB page ([www.state.me.us/mpuc/rfb.htm](http://www.state.me.us/mpuc/rfb.htm)). Potential bidders should examine all questions before submitting a bid.

Following is the response to Question 73 and "Q73 follow-up:"

"The Commission deliberated the substance of an Advisory Ruling that would clarify that the opt-out fee provision applies to a competitive provider that acts to cause a group of customers whose demand in aggregate exceeds 50 kW to transfer out of standard offer in a way that would trigger the opt-out fee provisions of the rule. The Commission unanimously approved this interpretation of the rule's provision.... The Commission's Advisory Ruling regarding the opt-out charge provision may be accessed by going to [www.state.me.us/mpuc/supplier.htm](http://www.state.me.us/mpuc/supplier.htm), clicking on Rules and Proceedings, finding Chapter 301, and clicking on the Advisory Ruling entry."