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Ratepayers have benefitted by solar power production installed by private actors more than they have paid out. Maine has not had to build peaker plants for hundreds of millions of dollars to handle some peak loads on hot July days. Efficiency Maine's reports show a beneficial benefit to all Maine ratepayers through clean energy adoption here in the state.

What causes high electrical prices is importing natural gas into the state for power plants, leaving the Maine at the mercy of market pricing and global events like the invasion of Ukraine. Rather than rolling back NEB, the State should be encouraging more 'home-grown' power on roofs; a cost that homeowners and businesses are choosing to front themselves, a cost that not all ratepayers are having to pick up to build additional power plants.

Instead, this legislature should be looking at the outrageous \$4.95 million annual salary paid to the parent company of CMP and be limiting that cost of CEO pay to ratepayers.