



Testimony Neither for Nor Against LD 1420
Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable
Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce
April 16, 2025

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and members of the committee, my name is James Cote and I am here on behalf of Versant Power to testify neither for nor against LD 1420.

Versant Power is proud to employ 563 individuals, including 255 members of IBEW Local 1837, and is one of Maine's largest energy industry employers. We are committed to providing our employees with the benefits and tools for growth that are necessary to navigate successful long-term employment in Maine's energy sector.

To the extent that the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce that is proposed in this legislation contemplates the role that our employees have in this transition, and the impacts that this transition could have on our customers (ratepayers), we would ask to be included as a member of the commission.

Versant Power would be pleased to participate in such a discussion, and we appreciate your consideration.