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LD 1868

On 28 April 2025, a large-scale electrical power blackout occurred in Spain and Portugal shortly after 12.30 CEST. There was widespread interruption in power supply in the Iberian Peninsula.

I ask that the committee that is hearing LD 1868 "An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws" delay any action until the ENTSO-E report on the cause of the 28 April 2025 power blackout is published. I think the people of Maine need to know if 100% solar and wind energy is going to produce frequent widespread electrical power blackouts.

"In accordance with European legislation for such an exceptional and grave incident, ENTSO-E is establishing an Expert Panel to investigate the causes of this event, in accordance with the "Incident Classification Scale Methodology"¹. The Expert Panel is chaired by recognised experts from TSOs who were not directly affected or involved in the black-out, and includes the involved TSOs as well as other European experts. The Expert Panel will investigate the root causes, produce a comprehensive analysis and make recommendations in a final report which will be published. National Regulatory Authorities and the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) are invited to participate in this panel."

ENTSO-E is the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity is an association representing 40 electricity transmission system operators from 36 countries across Europe, thus extending beyond EU borders. It manages the Continental Europe Synchronous Area.

Reference:

<https://www.entsoe.eu/news/2025/05/01/iberian-black-out-entso-e-congratulates-red-electrica-and-ren-for-the-rapid-recovery-of-the-electricity-systems-of-portugal-and-spain-and-establishes-an-expert-panel-to-investigate-the-incident/>