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Testimony of Central Maine Power Company

LD 2212: An Act Making Unified Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027 (the “Supplemental Budget”)

Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs as well as members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is Craig Nale, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs for Central Maine Power Company, presenting testimony in support of the provisions of the Supplemental Budget related to the Department of Energy Resources’ (“DOER”) ongoing administration of the Maine Grid Resilience Program.

In 2024, the Governor’s Energy Office (now DOER) administered the Maine Grid Resilience Program to distribute approximately \$4.1 million in federal funds made available to Maine through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (“BIL”). As provided in the BIL the program supports projects that strengthen electric system resilience and mitigate the impacts of severe weather and other hazards. Eligible initiatives include upgrades that reduce outage frequency or duration, improvements to switching and sectionalizing capability, and targeted investments in areas with a history of reliability challenges or critical infrastructure.

The Supplemental Budget, at page A-36, requests \$3 million in General Fund appropriations for the DOER to continue the Maine Grid Resilience Program. These state dollars would be used to leverage approximately \$4.4 million in additional federal funding for future rounds of the Maine Grid Resilience Grant Program.

Through the first round of awards, CMP received funding for the Shaw Mill Resilience Project, which focuses on improving reliability for customers in Baldwin, Sebago, and Standish. These communities have experienced numerous outages over the past several years, affecting nearly 36,000 customers. This high priority project includes upgraded grid equipment and new automated switching devices designed to reduce outage duration and increase operational flexibility during storm events or other disruptions. The total award amount for this project is \$1,628,257, which enabled this project at a reduced cost to customers.

CMP appreciates the opportunity to participate in this program and to partner with the DOER on

efforts to improve system resilience for Maine communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information, and I am happy to answer any questions.