

Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs and Esteemed Members of the EUT Committee

I am Neither For or Against LD 839 **An Act to Lower Consumer Electricity Costs by Prohibiting the Recovery Through Rates of Costs Attributable to Net Energy Billing**

Is this the best fix to Net Energy Billing?

Recent developments concerning solar developments:

Towns in Maine are starting to adopt solar ordinances, Dixfield, Turner, Readfield, Clinton, Otisfield, Clifton, Jefferson, Bridgton, Oakland, Hancock, Belgrade and many more.

ISO-NE feels the impact of Behind the Meter(BTM) Solar.

CMP reports that current projects have reached 55% of peak demand. Versant reports 101% of demand for Bangor Hydro District and 143% for the Maine Public District.

Fox Island Cooperative has requested waiver from NEB? MPUC docket 2025-0076

NEXAMP wants to surrender its certification of Maine RPS eligibility for 18 solar projects totaling 69 megawatts 3/12/2025

Negative pricing occurs in ISO-NE real time market during March 2025 as wind and solar battle for generation positions.

112 filings in PUC case 2024-00149

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INVESTIGATION INTO ALLOCATION OF BENEFITS OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION UNDER NET ENERGY BILLING

337 filings in PUC case 2024-00137 COMMISSION INITIATED INVESTIGATION FOLLOW-ON PROCEEDING TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE STRANDED COST RATE DESIGN

5 NEB repeal bills presented for Public hearings at the EUT Committee produced well over a hundred separate testimonies.

Would a timeout on NEB to evaluate other options be acceptable, meaning a moratorium on new proposed NEB projects or are we so deep into this program, there is no turning back?

I believe continuing this program, wherever the costs are allocated will end up a crushing blow to Maine's economy.

Thank You Clayton McKay Dixfield