

**Testimony of Boyne Resorts in Support of LD 1792, *An Act Regarding the Energy Policy of the State***

**Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology  
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Good afternoon, Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. My name is Benji Borowski. I am an attorney with Preti Flaherty, testifying on behalf of Boyne Resorts in support of LD 1792.

The Commission's rate design order, which requires that Maine's largest customers pay Net Energy Billing stranded costs on a 70% volumetric basis (per kilowatt-hour consumed), penalizes large customers who have already electrified and will stifle their future electrification efforts.

Here's a concrete example. Boyne Resorts (Pleasant Mountain, Sunday River, and Sugarloaf) has installed significant EV infrastructure across its Maine mountains and has aggressively pursued heat pump retrofits. At Pleasant Mountain, Boyne is exploring upgrading its electrical service from 12.47 kV to 34.5 kV to expand the resort and minimize the use of diesel fuel. Specifically, this electrical upgrade would allow Pleasant Mountain to electrify the process of compressing air for snowmaking, greatly increasing the efficiency of snowmaking and significantly reducing emissions.

These types of projects are either penalized or put at risk by the Commission's rate design order and its targeted penalty for manufacturers.