

To : Energy ,Utilities, and Technology Committee

Testimony: LD 1634 An Act To Create The Maine Generation Authority

Good Morning Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry and other distinguished committee Members

My Name is Clifford Krolick, I'm a coordinator of the 20 year and going strong Sacopee Community Forum . I've lived in the town of Parsonsfield or 50 years, have two wonderful adult children and I'm 71.

Electricity is a necessity, an inescapable resource of modern a society. It's something akin to drinking water and air. It is a natural resource that the general population will always require. My belief is that the control of all locally generated electricity should remain in the hands of the people and not left to a process of privatization which inevitably diverts price control and quality of services into the hands-of-the-few at the expense of the many. With an ever growing abundance of locally produced power I would trust and support a Maine Power Authority run by a cross section of Maine people. The last thing we want to do is give up our rights of control of this locally produced power as we once did when we gave up our transmission company CMP to foreign owned interests.

For probably the first time in the history of electrification on the planet both regionally and for that matter statewide we are witnessing vast quantities of locally produced electricity. Throughout the globe for the past decade or so electricity is no longer only generated by a far away production plant and then transported for often 100's or thousands of miles to locations where it will be used. The amount of energy that is lost in its transmission over these great distances is the measure of a how sustainable a society is. I believe that by generating most of our electrical needs locally this will offer us the greatest chance to be truly resilient and sustainable.

The Present and future is in Energy generation .A locally owned and operated power authority will provide greater economic opportunities, equitable pricing, and reliable service for Maine as we rapidly transition into our clean, locally generated energy future.

Thank You for this opportunity and for your services!

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