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TO: The Hon. Mark Lawrence, Co-Chair
The Hon. Seth Berry, Co-Chair
Joint Select Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
State House
Augusta, Maine 04330

FROM: James Nelligan, Sprague
Director of Materials Handling

Re: Testimony in Support of L.D. 336, "An Act To Encourage Research To Support The Maine Offshore Wind Industry"

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry and members of the EUT Committee,

On behalf of Sprague, I am writing in support of L.D. 336

Sprague has operated in Maine for well over 100 years with terminal facilities in Searsport, Portland and South Portland. In addition to our more traditional liquid fuels wholesaling business Sprague also markets natural gas to larger commercial and industrial customers and provides materials handling services for a variety of products including newsprint, wood pulp, road salt, asphalt and coal. Additionally, in the last several years we have made major investments to support our ability to handle wind energy equipment arriving by vessel and by rail. Sprague's Mack Point facility has successfully developed into a leading transshipment terminal for Maine's onshore wind industry.

Sprague is eager to participate in the construction of the University of Maine's VoltturnUS hull and Sprague supports a carefully planned offshore wind development program that takes into account the many uses of the Gulf of Maine waters.

Respectfully,

James Nelligan
Director of Materials Handling
Sprague