

To : Energy ,Utilities, and Technology Committee

Dear Senator Lawrence and Representative Berry and members of the Energy Utilities and Technology Committee

My name is clifford Krolick and live in the town of parsonsfield

I'm here to fully support LD 1708 An Act to create the non profit, Maine consumer owned Pine Tree Power Company and I'd hope that you will support this too.

Faced with a present and future that demands the rapid conversion of our energy sector to beneficial, sustainable, clean, and renewable electrification CMP has been given more than ample time to prove worthy of this task and has failed us.

From constant obstruction and failure to comply with the contractual agreements made- with numerous solar power developers, to the lack of our grid modernization necessary for bringing on clean wind and solar energy , and lets not forget the failed Smart Meter rollout which caused the colossal billing debacle. These are just the tip of CMP's iceberg of failures.

lets go on, CMPs refusal to extend it's transmission lines to include and support high speed internet in many rural parts of the state and for several years it has been on the bottom of the service providers and at the top of the list of least consumer satisfied energy providers in the USA.

So here's the thing: CMP is a partner and will remain a partner with the corporate monopoly of dirty fossil fuel industries. I do not need to review this monster. Its history is clear: Obstruct, deny, misinform and lie to the world public about the serious damage that the continued use of fossil fuels is doing to the health of the planet and all of its' life.

Even as I speak CMP is lying and pushing what they are calling the Maine affordable energy coalition and along with its' Clean Energy Corridor, which an international organization has called greenwashed dirty hydroelectric, this is nothing more then the same dirty tricks financed by the enormously wealthy fossil fuel Goliaths.

Now they're using their megaphone to Call the Pine Tree Power Company an unconstitutional Maine gov't take over of the grid. Pine Tree Power Company will be consumer owned, NOT a Maine Government take-over and a totally constitutional effort to break up the strangling fossil fuel monopoly.

In closing: Studies by leading economist Professor Richard Silk and London Economics are clear: Rapid grid modernization and transitioning to totally clean energy accomplished by the Pine Tree non profit Power company will save Maine consumers 8-10 Billion over a 25 -30 year period thru a low interest bond. It will put ownership of our grid back into Mainers hands, not foreign interests. It will provide many more job opportunities for local reliable companies, immediately reduce rate payers electric costs, and rapidly transition Maine to its goal of reaching 0 carbon. Why would Maine consumers want to pay 8 billion more than they have to?

Sincerely,

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