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Hello, thank you for your time. My name is Justin Miers, I am a resident of Portland, ME. I am strongly in favor of creating a customer-owned, nonprofit utility to help Maine's transition away from fossil fuels. I currently live in a net-zero house with 10 kw of solar PV on our roof. I also own an EV and can testify to the many benefits of going fully electric with both house and transportation. I am also the creator of the Solar Support Initiative, a collaboration with ReVision Energy to help low and middle income families purchase rooftop solar arrays or shares in a community solar farm. We do this through individual grants awarded to qualifying households. The key to all this is a functioning electrical grid that is run by a transparent and socially responsible electrical utility company. With more solar and wind adding to the mix of energy generation and more EVs and heat pumps adding to the usage, our grid will need to be improved and made more stable as soon as possible. For a safer and more reliable grid, Maine needs to switch to a nonprofit, customer owned model of management. That is why I support the creation of Pine Tree Power Company. Thank you again for your time.