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I write in support of LD 1708, An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit Utility, To Deliver Lower Rates, Reliability and Local Control for Maine Energy Independence.

As a resident of Solon for the past 15 years I have experienced increasingly frequent power outages from CMP, many that last for days or even weeks. The neighboring town of Madison, which has its own electric utility owned by consumers, has lower rates and significantly better service. It also has a large solar array which is the envy of other towns.

Why hasn't CMP built solar arrays all over Maine? It must not be profitable enough.

An international for-profit corporation owning Maine's power grid is a very bad idea. Iberdrola is unresponsive to the needs of their customers thousands of miles away and ignorant of the shared values of Mainers who cherish our beautiful state. The clear cutting and destruction of forest habitats and waterways currently underway by CMP building their hugely unpopular NECEC to sell energy from Canada to Massachusetts is evidence of this.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1708 so that Maine's power grid can work for Maine people.