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LD 506 An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers

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Testifying: Neither For Nor Against

Senator Lawrence, Representative Berry, Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is Kathleen Newman, Director of Government Affairs for Central Maine Power Company, submitting testimony neither for nor against LD 506, An Act To Reduce the Tax Burden on Low-income Electricity Customers.

While we support the concept of reducing the tax burden for our low income customers, please recognize that CMP will need to make significant enhancements to our billing system to exempt all usage by customers enrolled in low-income assistance programs and arrearage management participants from state sales tax.

Additionally, if LIHEAP recipients will also be exempt from sales tax, delays in notification between when they were approved and when we are notified by MaineHousing could impact bill accuracy.

Thank you for your consideration.