

SECTION 33
RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY LIFELINE PROGRAM

33.1 PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to residential customers who qualify for the Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP) as defined under the Commission's Chapter 314.

33.2 PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

This program is available to customers taking residential service on a continuing year-round basis who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A. The customer meets the eligibility requirements specified in the Commission's Chapter 314; and
- B. The program year begins October 1 of each year and ends September 30 of the following year. Eligible enrollments will be accepted beginning October 1 of each program year.

33.3 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

All participating customers must agree to each of the following conditions in order to receive benefits under the Program:

- A. Waive confidentiality restrictions on the release of income and electric usage data for the purposes of calculating electricity credits under the Program;
- B. Identify a household member in whose name electricity service is provided;
- C. Accept all no-cost, demand-side management measures and programs available from CMP for that dwelling or rental unit unless the participant is a renter and the landlord withholds any required consent.
- D. Only the customer's residential usage may be considered when calculating the ELP benefit amount in accordance with Subsection 33.5. below. When there is significant and clearly distinguishable nonresidential use combined with the customer's residential use on the same meter, CMP will determine the amount of residential use by conducting a usage analysis. When this provision is invoked, CMP will notify the customer in writing of the results of the usage analysis and will inform the customer of their right to dispute the results. The Company will maintain a record of the analysis for at least one year after it is no longer used for the ELP benefit determination.

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33.4 ENROLLMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Enrollment, eligibility certification, benefit determination, and any other administrative duty necessary to carry out this program will be performed by the company, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Maine Housing (MH) and other entities that may contract with MH, such as Community Action Agencies (CAA's).

The program will be administered according to the provisions as defined in the Commission's Chapter 314.

33.5 ANNUAL ELP BENEFIT

Participants will receive their benefit in the form of a credit on their electric bill. Participants will be credited with 70% of their calculated maximum benefit at the time their application is processed. At the end of the program year, each participant will receive up to the remaining 30% of their calculated maximum benefit, contingent on available funding. The customer is responsible for all charges in excess of the available ELP benefit.

Benefits will be calculated based on the applicant's income (less than or equal to 75% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or greater than 75% of the FPL), according to the usage categories shown below.

FPL	Annual Usage	Max Calculated Credit	Initial Credit	Remaining Credit
<=75%	<6,000 kWh	\$540	\$378	Up to \$162
<=75%	6,000-12,000 kWh	\$1,200	\$840	Up to \$360
<=75%	>12,000 kWh	\$1,200	\$840	Up to \$360
>75%	<6,000 kWh	\$290	\$203	Up to \$87
>75%	6,000-12,000 kWh	\$540	\$378	Up to \$162
>75%	>12,000 kWh	\$1,000	\$700	Up to \$300

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33.6 PARTICIPANTS USING OXYGEN PUMPS OR VENTILATORS

The Oxygen Pump and Ventilator benefit provides financial assistance to participants who, for health-related reasons, must use an oxygen pump or ventilator at least (8) hours each day. This additional feature under the current ELP is effective beginning October 1, 2006 for oxygen pumps and October 1, 2007 for ventilators.

The customer must first qualify for the ELP in order to be considered for the oxygen pump or ventilator benefit.

As more fully described in Section 4(K) of Chapter 314 of the Rules and Regulations of the Maine Public Utilities Commission, customers that use an oxygen pump or ventilator for at least eight (8) hours each day will be given an additional ELP benefit, calculated in accordance with Section 4(K) of Chapter 314.

Certification to receive this benefit must be renewed annually for each program year. The certification form must be completed and signed by the physician and may be submitted to the Company prior to October 1, but no earlier than September 1 each year.

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33.7 ELECTRICITY LIFELINE PROGRAM CHARGES

The Electricity Lifeline Program (ELP) charge of \$0.001468 per kWh is included in the rate schedules of the rates classes provided below.

Rate A
Rate A-TOU
Rate A-TOU-OPTS
Rate A-LM
Rate A-Seasonal
Rate SGS
Rate SGS-TOU
Rate MGS-S
Rate MGS-S-TOU
Rate MGS-P
Rate MGS-P-TOU
Rate IGS-S-TOU
Rate IGS-P-TOU
Rate LGS-S-TOU
Rate LGS-P-TOU
Rate B-DCFC
Rate B-ES
Rate AL
Rate SL

The rate is applicable to core rate schedules and to targeted rates, where, but for the targeted rate, the customer would take service under the core rate class.

33.8 PARTICIPANTS ENROLLING IN SMART METER OPT-OUT PROGRAM

ELP participants who choose not to have a standard wireless smart meter installed on their premises may select and pay the associated charges for one of the alternatives described in CMP's Term and Condition 12.11.

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