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As you consider the investments needed to maintain and strengthen Maine's electric system, discussions often focus on costs. Equally important, however, is understanding the value those investments deliver to the people and communities we collectively serve. Modern grid technologies are helping reduce the number of customers affected by outages, restore power more quickly when disruptions occur, and improve system resilience during extreme weather and high-demand events. The examples below highlight how smart grid investments are producing tangible benefits for Maine families, businesses, and local communities.

Craig Nale, Vice President Government Affairs

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Smart Grid Investments Deliver Real Benefits for Customers

While cost is an important part of the conversation about grid investments, so are the benefits customers see from them: fewer service interruptions, quicker restoration times, and greater reliability when communities need it most.

Faster Restoration Through Remote Control

On June 3, when an animal entered the Bishop Street substation in Portland, more than 4,800 customers lost power. Using automated switches and remote controls, CMP's Distribution Operations Center in Augusta restored service to all affected customers within 24 minutes. Additional protective equipment was installed to prevent a similar event in the future.

Pinpointing Problems Faster

A June 28 outage in Chesterville, Fayette, and Mount Vernon disrupted dinner-time activities for more than 2,400 customers. Smart grid technology allowed operators to quickly locate the fault and restore power to 661 customers within 23 minutes.

Additional remote switching further reduced the outage footprint, and all customers were restored in less than 90 minutes.

Managing Extreme Conditions

During the July 3 heat wave, real-time monitoring detected loads approaching emergency operating limits. Smart grid technologies enabled targeted actions to protect the system while minimizing customer impacts. When temporary outages were necessary to protect overloaded equipment and prevent more widespread issues, we shifted customers to adjacent circuits and deployed a mobile substation to restore customers as quickly as possible.

No one wants a power outage to interrupt their morning routine, business operations, or family dinner. Smart grid investments help ensure outages affect fewer people, last for less time, and are managed more effectively when they occur. That's the value customers receive from a modern electric grid.

New Rate Comparison and Shift Usage Tools

We've added a new Residential Delivery Rate Comparison Calculator to our website to help our customers compare available optional delivery rates to find the best fit for their household. The easy-to-use tool helps customers estimate their potential savings based on their actual energy use and explore rate options designed for electric vehicles and heat pumps.

The shift usage calculator component can help customers determine whether a change in when they use electricity could save them money. In the example below, a customer currently uses 85% of their electricity delivery during off-peak hours and the Electric Technology price is best. But, by shifting when they use electricity and using 90% of the electricity off-peak, they can save an average of over \$9 per month on the TOU plan based on their 12-month historical usage.

Shift usage calculator

Use this calculator to explore how shifting your electricity usage to off-peak hours may impact your costs. Your 12-month average usage is shown for reference. Adjust the values below - or try different on-peak and off-peak percentages - to see how changes in your usage pattern affect the delivery portion of your estimated bill.

kWh	On-Peak % (5pm-9pm)	Off-Peak % (all other hours)	Total kWh (all hours)	Rate A	TOU	Electric Technology
Your historical usage	15%	85%	772	\$113.74	\$115.43	\$109.69
Shift use calculator	10%	90%	772	\$113.71	\$100.00	\$109.67

If your constituents are looking for ways to save on their electric bill, please encourage them to visit our website at [cmpco.com](#) to access these tools.

Training for A Great Career in Maine



Now in its second year, CMP's Union Trade Internship Program has doubled student participation, furthered partnerships with schools in central and southern Maine, and introduced enhanced learning opportunities in both line and substation operations.

The ten-week paid program begins with two weeks learning foundational skills at CMP's Training Center in Farmingdale, followed by interns transitioning into supervised field experiences alongside veteran CMP crews. All training is conducted under strict safety protocols, and while students do not perform any work involving energized electrical equipment, they do learn valuable skills about the electrical grid and essential safety controls.



"By investing in the next generation of lineworkers and skilled trade professionals, we're creating a strong local talent pipeline, helping ensure we have the well-trained workforce we need to safely operate and maintain Maine's energy grid for years to come, and helping young people develop skills that will enable them to have a vibrant career right here in Maine," **said Linda Ball, President and CEO of CMP.**

Constituent Issues - We can help!

If your constituent has a CMP concern, please contact the Government Affairs team for support. You can reach us via email at government.affairs@cmpco.com.

Please include in your message your name, the constituent's name, constituent's contact information and brief description of the issue.

Community: Strengthening Partnerships



CMP proudly hosted its fourth annual Nonprofit Networking Day at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, bringing together more than 50 leaders from nonprofit organizations across Maine. The event provided opportunities to build relationships, share best practices, explore volunteer opportunities, and strengthen partnerships that support Maine communities.

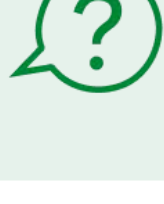
"Bringing nonprofits together to share ideas, strengthen relationships, and tackle common challenges is incredibly valuable, and CMP has created a welcoming environment for that collaboration to happen," **said Yellow Light Green, President and CEO of the Maine Development Foundation.** "



CMP partners with nearly 200 nonprofit organizations across Maine throughout the year, supporting efforts that strengthen local communities, expand opportunities for residents, and improve quality of life across the state.

Pictured with the CMP Team, Yellow Light Green and Jan Kerce, Maine Development Foundation and Amanda McDaniel, Main Street Bath

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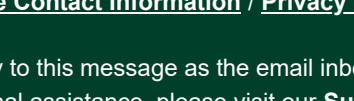


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