



Update

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With the close of the 132nd Legislature, I want to thank you for your time and attention to Maine's energy and utility matters. Please know that I am always available to discuss energy issues including CMP's proposed rate plan (see below). If you'd like to schedule a briefing, please email us at governmentaffairs@cmpco.com.

Kathleen Bowman, Vice President, Government Affairs

P.S. You can find past editions of the newsletter on our [website](#).



CMP is proud to announce the return and continued growth of its Union Trade Internship Program for 2026, creating a strong, local pipeline for union skilled-trades careers to ensure a well-trained workforce that can deliver safe, reliable power to the communities we serve.

CMP Proposes to Reduce Customer Bills in July

CMP has submitted two filings to the Maine Public Utilities Commission that, if approved, would provide customer rate relief beginning in July 2026 while continuing to support critical grid resiliency and reliability investments. These include a one-year rate plan including temporary rates and CMP's 2025 Annual Compliance Filing. If approved, **the proposals would reduce the average residential customer bill by about \$4 per month starting July 1, 2026.**

Plan Balances Affordability and Improved Service Reliability

Our approach balances customer affordability with the service reliability that is provided by grid investments. To build upon CMP's momentum improving service reliability, we are proposing to:

- Create 100 local jobs, including hiring more than 35 lineworkers. This reduces CMP's reliance on expensive, out-of-state contractors for storm repairs.
- Install thousands of stronger distribution/"streetside" poles.
- Install hundreds of new smart devices allowing fast, remote restoration.
- Expand tree care to reduce tree-related outages.
- Make improvements at dozens of substations.

Pictured right, CMP crews installed a nearly three-ton switch, replacing a 70-year-old unit that had reached the end of its decades-long service life. The new switch can incorporate advanced technology, is better protected against extreme weather, and is designed to operate more safely and efficiently. This upgrade will improve service for more than 9,000 customers in the Portland area by reducing outage durations and enhancing overall system reliability.



There are proposed grid projects in every county served by CMP. See the full list on our [website](#).

National Lineworkers Appreciation Day (4/18)



CMP Lineworkers serve our communities in times of need, whether it's for storms and power outages or other emergency situations such as fires and car/pole accidents.

They are highly skilled professionals who face demanding physical challenges working on complex systems in a variety of conditions all while maintaining a strong safety mindset.

We are proud of their selflessness, dedication, and tireless efforts for our customers.

Training the Lineworkers of the Future

This month, CMP announced the return and continued growth of its Union Trade Internship Program for 2026, providing more Maine high school students with hands-on training alongside frontline union employees in the electric utility industry. Now in its second year, the 10-week paid program will:

- Extend to additional schools.
- Double student enrollment.
- Enhance training opportunities to include both line and substation operations.

"By partnering with more schools and reaching more students, we're offering hands-on experience that's essential to safely operating and maintaining Maine's energy grid. This program strengthens our connection with Maine schools while creating a strong, local pipeline for union skilled-trades careers. Investing in the next generation helps ensure a well-trained workforce that can deliver safe, reliable power to the communities we serve. It's a win for students, schools and our customers across Maine," **said Linda Ball, President and CEO of CMP.**

Community: Caring for our Climate

CMP was proud to sponsor the **2026 ClimateWork Maine Summit** held in March, bringing together businesses and leaders who are acting on climate change and shaping a more sustainable future for Maine. CMP leaders played an active role in the event's panel discussions.



CMP President & CEO Linda Ball (second from left) participated in *Ensuring a Clean, Innovative, and Affordable Economy*, sharing insights on how innovation, technology, and policy can work together to lower ratepayer costs while advancing climate-friendly solutions and maintaining a competitive edge.

Laney Brown, Avangrid's Vice President of Sustainability, also represented CMP as a panelist in *Scaling Down Sustainability: How Small Businesses Can Borrow Big-Brand Strategies*. The discussion focused on translating large-scale sustainability efforts into practical, first-step programs that small businesses can realistically adopt. In addition, CMP hosted an exhibitor table throughout the summit, connecting with industry peers and community partners and reinforcing our commitment to collaboration and leadership in Maine's clean energy transition.

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