

Every day we inch closer to spring and the conclusion of our work of the 132nd Second Regular Session of the Legislature. In this Update, I am providing some information regarding CMP's intent to file a request for temporary rates. I am happy to provide more information as we develop the filing for submission later this Spring.

Kathleen Bowman, Vice President, Government Affairs

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### CMP Proposal Would Lower Electricity Bills

In April 2026, CMP will file a temporary rate plan with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The proposal serves as an interim step while the MPUC develops new guidance for utilities on how to file a multi-year rate plan. The temporary rates sought by CMP are within a one-year framework and would take effect beginning in July 2026.

This approach will allow the company to fund infrastructure already in service, maintain momentum on grid-reliability improvements, and give the Commission time to complete its work on multi-year rate guidance and the integrated grid planning. The proposal reflects input from both regulators and customers on the importance of affordability while ensuring essential reliability investments continue.

This plan is timed as charges related to the severe storms that affected CMP's service area in 2023 and 2024 roll off customer bills. **As such, under this proposal, the average residential customer would see about a \$4 decrease in their monthly bill beginning in July.**

### New All Terrain Bucket Trucks: You CAN get there from here!

We recently added four new all-terrain Prinoth Track Bucket Trucks to our fleet, enhancing our ability to reach remote and rural areas across our 11,000-square-mile service territory. These specialized vehicles will play a critical role in storm response and routine maintenance, ensuring reliable service for CMP's more than 670,000 customers.



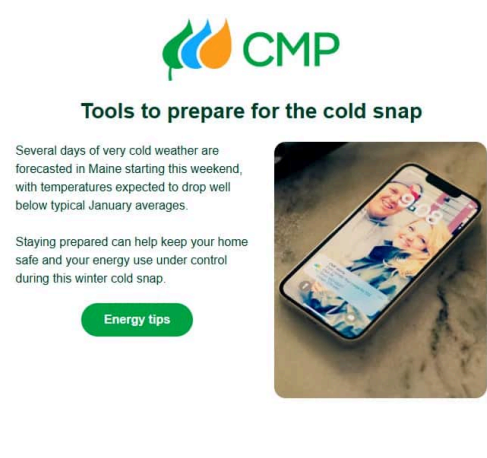
The trucks feature a 55-foot bucket height and a compact design that minimizes ground impact, making them ideal for navigating challenging terrain. Equipped with advanced technology for easier cold-weather starts, these trucks can be used on both transmission and distribution lines.

"These vehicles expand our fleet and strengthen our ability to serve customers in every corner of CMP's service area," said **Eric Sutton, Vice President of Electric Operations and Projects**. "They have been a vital resource this season, especially as Maine has faced significant winter weather. Their versatility allows crews to access snowy trails and difficult rights-of-way, to perform maintenance, and make repairs quickly and safely, even on energized lines, without interrupting service."

### Affordability: New Outreach to Assist Customers

We are actively encouraging our customers to use all available tools to help manage their accounts. Here are a few of our new initiatives:

- Targeted emails to customers who have received a high use alert connecting them to our free Energy Manager to understand and manage their electricity use.
- Targeted emails to customers who have fallen behind with information and links to assistance programs.
- Emails to all customers explaining the potential link between cold weather and higher usage with links to tools like Energy Manager and Usage Alerts.
- Targeted texts to customers enrolled in our Arrearage Management Program to help ensure their success.



Our **Energy Affordability Toolkit** is a resource for you to answer any questions you may receive from constituents.

### In the Community: CMP's Safety City

Safety City brings electrical safety to life in a way that no handout or classroom lecture ever could. Using a realistic, portable model of a neighborhood—complete with homes, vehicles, power lines, and underground utilities — our team shows students and adults exactly how everyday situations can turn dangerous in an instant. When a tree limb touches a line or equipment gets too close, the model produces a dramatic arc that leaves a lasting impression: **no line is safe to touch, evah!**



This traveling exhibit reaches schools, fairs, first responders, and community events across CMP's service area, giving people of all ages the knowledge they need to stay safe around electricity. It's hands-on, memorable, and built to spark conversations that prevent real-world accidents. (Photo left - Employee Daniella Barry presents Safety City)

In 2025 CMP gave 203 Safety City presentations, reaching approximately 10,700 people across 11,000 square miles of service territory.

"We enjoyed the Safety City demonstration immensely. The students were talking about it for days."

~ **Kathleen Kramer, 4th Grade Teacher, Somerset Elementary School**



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