

Welcome back! Discussions around electricity reliability and affordability will most certainly continue in this 2nd Session of the 132nd Legislature. As always, if I can be of any assistance to you as you consider these important issues for Mainers, please reach out to me.

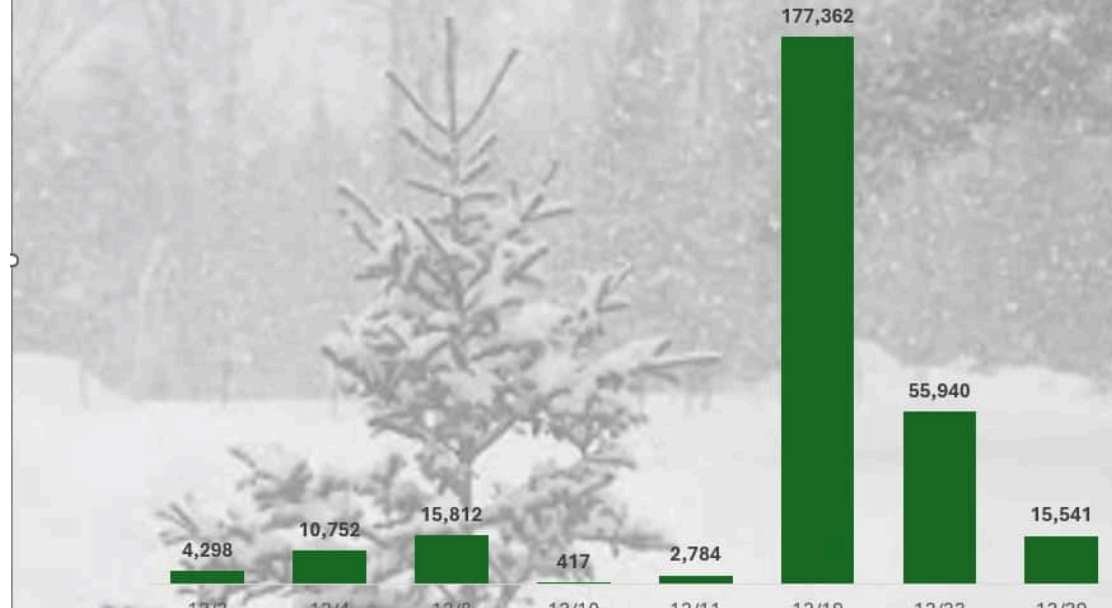
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December 2025 Storm Response

December weather packed a punch with multiple events impacting customers.



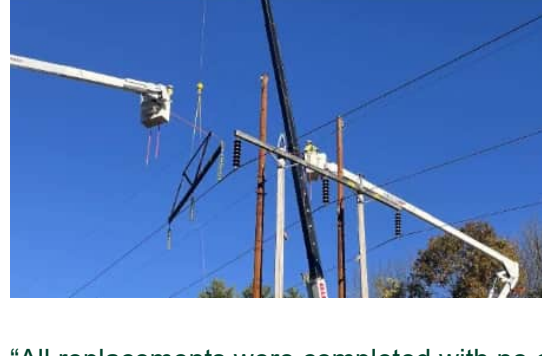
“Storm response and preparedness at CMP is critical, which is why we work year-round to continuously improve our readiness,” said **Linda Ball, President and CEO of CMP**. “Whether it’s strengthening our grid through infrastructure projects in local communities or having multiple touchpoints and drills with our EMA partners on best practices, our 1,000 employees devote time to emergency preparedness to better ensure reliable service to our customers no matter what Maine’s weather brings our way.”

Pictured right, not a creature was stirring except busy line crews working on power restoration Christmas Eve.



CMP Upgrades of Raymond-Pownal Transmission Line

We have successfully completed the replacement of 17 wooden structures along our transmission line spanning Raymond to Pownal. This investment strengthens the electric grid and improves system resiliency for customers across our service area. The new steel structures—approximately five feet taller than the originals—were installed between September and November in Raymond, New Gloucester, and Pownal. Steel structures offer greater strength and durability and are more resistant to extreme weather conditions and moisture, further enhancing long-term reliability.



“The work completed this fall is a strong example of our ongoing commitment to improving reliability for our customers, and it also highlights the exceptional skill of our line crews,” said **Eric Sutton, Vice President of Electric Operations for CMP**.

“All replacements were completed with no customer outages, as crews safely performed this work while the high-voltage lines remained energized. That achievement reflects their extensive training and experience.”

In addition to detailed planning and coordination, CMP partnered with the State of Maine to develop an access plan for portions of the project located near sensitive wetland areas. To help prevent the spread of invasive plant species, company vehicles were thoroughly washed before entering the transmission line right-of-way in designated locations.

Smart Grid Enhancement Progressing to Completion

A new compact gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) station in Westbrook uses state-of-the-art technology to strengthen electric reliability. The GIS and its integrated smart systems enable CMP’s Energy Control Center to remotely monitor the system and automatically shift customers from one line to another during outages caused by storms or other disruptions.

This compact GIS technology offers several advantages, including a smaller footprint, faster and more efficient construction, and improved system resiliency. Located within the Rock Row development, this grid enhancement will provide more reliable service to thousands of customers in Portland and Westbrook.

Final completion of this project is expected this Spring.

Community Connection Events Offer In-Person Support

Our Customer Service team partners with local government and community organizations across Maine to bring support directly to our customers through our Community Connection Events. CMP representatives will help customers who have questions about their bill, energy usage, rates, or any of our services.

If you’d like to see a Community Connection Event in your area, let us know! We also have [Online Resources](#) that may be of help to you and your constituents. Download our [Energy Affordability Toolkit](#) or visit our [Help with Bill](#) web page.

Making a Wish Come True



CMP has supported Make-A-Wish Maine for more than 20 years assisting with wishes, providing employee volunteers, and helping to support wish-granting for families in Maine, including one on January 16th. Employees turned out to welcome our guest and grant her wish to visit Super Mario World in Florida.

At right, CMP employees “Mario” and “Luigi” escort our guest in her pink car to her surprise reveal as CMP employees line her route and cheer.

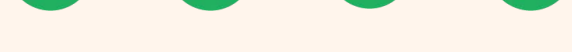
Watch for the Make-A-Wish telethon February 18th on Channel 13. A CMP team will volunteer to answer phones.

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