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As many of you know, my colleague Kathleen Bowman has retired after many years of dedicated service. We congratulate Kathleen on her well-earned retirement and thank her for the strong relationships she built with so many of you.

I am pleased to continue this monthly update and look forward to working with members of the Legislature on the energy policy issues that are so important to Maine's residents, businesses, and communities. Having worked with many of you for years in and around the Legislature, I value the important work you do on behalf of your constituents and for our state. I hope these updates serve as a useful resource, and please don't hesitate to reach out if CMP can provide information or answer questions on energy-related matters. Below is our government affairs email address, which is a great way to connect with constituent issues or questions, and feel free to contact me directly at craig.nale@cmpco.com as well.

I hope you're enjoying the Maine summer, and I look forward to connecting soon.

Craig Nale, Vice President Government Affairs

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

Real-Time Grid Visibility Improves Reliability, Safety, and Storm Response

Since 2019, the Company has been deploying Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) across its electric system. RTUs are field devices that serve as the utility's "eyes and ears" on the grid, providing operators with real-time information about system conditions and equipment performance.

Remote Terminal Units at Work

RTUs monitor and communicate regarding the health of the grid so that operators and/or automated devices can take action to maintain or restore service. Think of it like your check engine light on your vehicle providing an alert so that you can take action and avoid a more serious problem.



By increasing visibility and control, RTUs enable operators to respond more quickly to outages, improve worker safety, and operate the electric system more efficiently.

Improving Reliability

RTUs help operators quickly identify the location and cause of outages, allowing restoration efforts to begin sooner and with greater precision.

Benefits include:

- Faster power restoration
- Fewer customers affected by outages
- Improved response during storms and other emergency events

Enhancing Safety

RTUs provide system operators with real-time visibility into energized equipment before crews arrive on site, helping ensure that field personnel have critical information when responding to outages and performing switching operations.

Benefits include:

- Safer switching operations
- Reduced risk to lineworkers
- Better coordination during emergency response efforts

Increasing Operational Efficiency

Many grid operations that once required a crew to travel to a field location can now be monitored or performed remotely using RTUs.

Benefits include:

- Reduced truck rolls and fuel consumption
- More efficient deployment of utility crews
- Lower operating costs over time

Enabling Grid Modernization

RTUs provide the communications and control foundation required to support emerging technologies, including:

- Distributed energy resources
- Solar generation
- Battery storage
- Electric vehicle adoption
- Advanced outage management and grid automation systems

As utilities modernize the grid, RTUs help create the real-time visibility necessary to manage increasingly complex power flows and maintain reliable service.

Building the Grid of the Future

RTUs are a foundational component of a modern electric grid. By providing real-time system awareness and remote operational capabilities, they help utilities improve reliability, strengthen resilience during severe weather, enhance worker safety, and make more informed infrastructure investment decisions. While newer equipment has built in RTU capabilities, CMP can extend the life of older equipment on the system by adding RTUs, ensuring that the electric system can continue to meet customers' needs while supporting the evolving energy demands of the future.

Smart, Targeted Investments in Reliability

Rock Row in Westbrook is now providing reliability benefits to thousands of Maine customers in Westbrook and Portland. This facility has specific benefits during extreme weather and storms. The new compact gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) facility serves as a point where multiple transmission lines in these communities "link" together. In the event one line is damaged, the smart technology in the facility can "move" customers from one line to the other remotely. This provides a backup route, or a detour, for power to continue to flow to customers while the other route is being repaired.



"This modern infrastructure is essential to unlocking economic development in both our city and our state. Beyond the local impact, it also strengthens regional reliability, especially during extreme weather events. We're incredibly excited about what this means for Westbrook's future," **said Westbrook Mayor David Morse.**

"Switching stations are an important 21st-century tool that helps us reduce the length and frequency of outages for thousands of customers. That reliability is especially important when those customers provide critical services, such as the healthcare offered at Rock Row. That's why we are focused on making smart, targeted investments that can make a real difference in Mainers' lives." **said Linda Ball, President and CEO of Central Maine Power.**

The site is similar to CMP's recently built GIS substations with capabilities for remote control and switching in Scarborough and Wilton.

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: Book Donation Celebrates Reading

CMP is donating hundreds of copies of *Good Morning, Maine!* by Maine-based author Sara Frautten to more than 500 public elementary schools and municipal libraries across its service territory through its annual President's Pick Book Donation Program.

"We're incredibly grateful to Central Maine Power for this thoughtful book donation to our school library," **said Mary Thompson, C.K. Burns School Librarian with the Saco Public School District.** "Our special Maine collection helps students connect more deeply with their state, and this title is a perfect addition to that effort. It will be a meaningful resource for our students as they learn about Maine's people, places, and stories. We truly appreciate CMP's commitment to supporting education and literacy in our community."

Published by independent Maine publisher McSea Books, *Good Morning, Maine!* is part of CMP's long-standing commitment to literacy. For more than 20 years, the President's Pick Book Donation Program has delivered tens of thousands of books to schools and libraries across Maine. Members of the CMP team are pictured below at the Chebeague Island Library.



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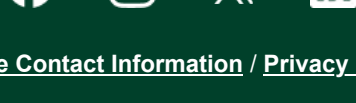


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