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**CMP Snubs Frontline Workers:
Another Good Reason For Lower Cost, Local, Reliable Power “[Our Power Maine](#)”**

Statement of Our Power Maine, Campaign Director, Stephanie Clifford

“Maine depends on CMP’s frontline workers every day, and especially during the company’s frequent outages. Yet this week CMP snubbed them, choosing to give management an 8-9% bonus, while [non-management employees will get an unusually low 1.4% bonus](#).

“Workers deserve to be honored, respected and fairly paid, not slighted and undervalued by management, and they deserve a seat at the table too. This is just the latest example of the misguided foreign investor-owned utilities running Maine’s grid today, determined to profit at the expense of Maine’s people, workers and best interests.”

Legislation proposed by Rep. Seth Berry and supported by Our Power Maine will replace CMP and Versant with the nonprofit Pine Tree Power Company, and will protect workers’ jobs and benefits and provide a 10% retention bonus over the first two years. Workers will also have a seat on the board of directors.

Our Power is a coalition of Maine ratepayers, business leaders, energy experts, conservationists, and others committed to putting the Pine Tree State’s energy future in the hands of Mainers by establishing a local consumer-owned utility that delivers lower cost, cleaner, more reliable power.