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75% of Mainers Support Creating a Consumer-Owned Utility, Governor Mills leads by 7 points over LePage, Support for Blocking CMP Corridor leads by double digits

AUGUSTA, Maine -- Today, as the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee considers L.D. 1708, "[An Act To Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit Utility, To Deliver Lower Rates, Reliability and Local Control for Maine Energy Independence](#)," a new poll shows that 75% of registered voters support replacing CMP and Versant with a local non-profit consumer-owned utility company. In addition, in a race for Maine governor, the poll shows incumbent Governor Mills leading former Governor LePage by a 45% to 38% margin. The 2021 CMP Corridor ballot measure leads with 48% supporting the measure to block the corridor and 32% saying they are opposed.

The poll was conducted by Survey USA and they summarized in a [memo](#) that a few of the major reasons Mainers may be so strongly supportive of the Consumer-Owned Utility is that 99% of registered voters say reliability is an important factor when it comes to their utility company. [Maine is ranked dead last in reliability in the nation](#) with the most frequent and longest outages. 98% say cost is an important factor and Maine has the [10th highest rates in the nation](#). In addition, [Versant recently asked the Maine Public Utilities Commission for a 25.4% rate increase](#) and earlier this year [CMP asked the Maine PUC for another revenue increase of \\$26.5 million](#). Another 84% of the registered voters polled say local control of power companies that serve Maine is important. [CMP](#) and [Versant](#) are both foreign-owned companies.

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