



Good afternoon, and heads up: Wednesday morning state house rally, and....

1. CMP ranks last in yet another utility customer survey. As you may recall, CMP ranked last three years in a row in the JD Power survey and Versant is at the bottom too.
2. [CMP owner Iberdola caught in spying scandal](#) to track project opponents, similar to the CMP spying scandal here in Maine last year.
3. CMP (quietly) and [Versant](#) both announced 25% rate hikes
4. Mainers fill opinion pages with important support for Pine Tree Power

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### **News Advisory**

#### **Mainers to Rally for Pine Tree Power**

**Wednesday June 30, 8:30-10:00 a.m.**

**Maine State House, Augusta, west entrance**

Maine ratepayers, business leaders, energy experts, conservationists, and others committed to putting the Pine Tree State's energy future in the hands of Mainers will rally urging legislators to pass LD 1708.

"Maine needs and deserves a consumer-owned utility that will be 100% focused on Mainers not of distant investors," said campaign manager Stephanie Clifford. "This will save Maine billions of dollars and provide us with the better service Maine deserves too."

### **Maine Investor-Owned Utility News round up:**

#### **1. Sound familiar? CMP ranks last in another customer survey of US utilities**

I imagine you have already seen the 2020 JD Power surveys of residential and business customers, that rank CMP and Versant at the bottom. In fact, CMP has ranked at the bottom for three years running. Here's yet another one:

"For this survey. Escalent polled 76,656 residential electric, natural gas and combination utility customers of the 140 largest U.S. utility companies, based on residential customer counts.

"According to the firm, the resulting Brand Trust Index scores represent consumer ratings across six factors: customer focus, community support, communications effectiveness, reliable quality, environmental dedication and company reputation. "CMP, the state's largest electricity provider with 646,000 customers, received the lowest score among the electric utilities, and among all the utilities, period...."

**2. This sounds familiar too, like CMP's playbook.**

**Iberdrola Chairman Galan Named as Suspect in Criminal Probe** (CMP is owned by Iberdrola)

"Iberdrola SA Chairman Ignacio Galan is being investigated by Spanish authorities for his alleged role in a corporate spying case....According to the court documents, Iberdrola's security head at the time hired the firm led by the former police officer to gather intelligence and help "overcome obstacles" to gain the necessary permits."

As you may recall here in Maine in 2020, "Clean Energy Matters, a political action committee funded by CMP, said it hired the private investigator" to track opponents of the company's proposed transmission corridor.

**CMP private investigator tailed anti-corridor petitioners**

More: Opponents of a controversial transmission line are condemning a Central Maine Power political action committee for hiring a private investigator to monitor their efforts to scuttle the project via ballot initiative.

**3. And, CMP and Versant have each filed for 25% price hikes!**

Perhaps you know that Versant, Maine's most expensive mainland utility, now seeks a 25.4% rate hike. Did you know that CMP also quietly announced a 25% rate hike as of August? (Maine PUC Docket 2021-00036 page 106)

Docket No. 2021-00036  
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Updated Attachment 16  
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Central Maine Power Company  
Rate Summary  
For Rates Effective August 1, 2021

Item	Revenue			8/1/2021 Avg kWh	Total Delivery Revenue 7/1/2020 Avg kWh	Total Delivery Change	12 Mos Units Forecast Units for Rate Design 5%
	Stranded Costs	Transmission	Total Delivery				
185	1,754,507	14,913,307	96,621,854		82,211,171		6,835,375
715	548,499	157,106,213	301,853,696		236,055,973		3,388,895,488
900	2,303,006	172,019,520	397,675,550	0.111210	318,267,144	0.093805	3,711,787,038
			674,247		593,828		59,645
248	12,475	841,044	2,402,011		1,945,709		18,174,208
104	4,656	316,615	907,763		742,472		6,886,465
384	28,414	1,915,575	3,039,593		2,328,026		41,352,594
736	45,585	3,073,234	7,023,614	0.115866	5,600,035	0.092382	66,415,667
			30,381		26,727		1,987
419	24	322	7,198		6,077		79,775
429	24	330	7,348		6,227		81,408
591	427	5,837	25,077		21,383		1,481,214
433	475	6,469	70,003	0.046629	60,414	0.040241	1,642,398
			10,180,666		8,974,724		600,370
			2,362,928		2,082,795		109,413
506	370,566	22,132,814	43,406,194		37,058,007		6,301,968,211

**A few highlights from the opinion pages of Maine newspapers:**

**Maine Voices: Young Mainers will be inheriting the grid – we would like to own it**

If we're going to increasingly rely on electricity for our basic needs in the future, consumer ownership, not investor ownership, is the way to go.

**We managed consumer-owned utilities. We support a Pine Tree Power Company.**

**Our View: Maine Legislature should send public power plan to the voters**

Before making a historic investment in a new electric grid, Mainers should get to say what kind of company will run it.

**Pine Tree Power Company bill would honor Native Peoples, future generations**

**Rep. Jennifer Poirier: Profit-driven utilities not working for Maine**