

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## 81 FORMER LEGISLATORS SIGN LETTER OPPOSING PINE TREE POWER

### *Bipartisan group cites costs and political control of grid as concerns*

*We, the undersigned, former members of the Maine State Legislature, wish to publicly state our opposition to a forced takeover of Maine's electric utilities. Although our reasons vary, as do our political affiliations, we firmly believe that the proposed seizure of the state's privately owned utilities would increase costs and insert partisan politics into the operation of Maine's electric grid.*

*Our climate, our economy, and our communities cannot sustain the financial and environmental costs that the unknown nature of this proposal will almost certainly bring forth. Our current system for delivering electricity, featuring a unique structure of private ownership and tight government oversight, fueled by a work force that combines open shop and union entities, is symbolic of Maine—a melting pot of different personalities and ideologies in pursuit of a common objective, not unlike the names included below.*

*Collectively, we ask that Maine voters, as well as our contemporaries in the Maine Legislature reject the idea of a forced sale of Maine's transmission and distribution utilities.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

Aaron Libby  
Alan Casavant  
Amy Volk  
Andrew McLean  
Anita Peavey-Haskell  
Bernie Ayotte  
Beth O'Connor  
Betty Ann Frederic  
Bill Brown  
Bob Daigle  
Bob Foley  
Brian Hobart  
Bruce Bickford  
Cathy Nadeau  
Chad Grignon  
Charlie Webster  
Charlotte Warren  
Chris Caiazzo  
Chris O'Neil  
Dale Crafts  
Dave Bustin  
David Brenerman  
David Johnson  
David Marshall  
David Richardson  
David Sawicki  
Deb Sanderson

Deborah Plowman  
Dennis Keschl  
Dianne Tilton  
Don Marean  
Doug Damon  
Dustin White  
Dusty Fisher  
Earl Bierman  
Ed Kane  
Ed Suslovic  
Ed Youngblood  
Gary Hilliard  
Greg Nadeau  
Heather Sirocki  
Jack Cashman  
Jane Crosby Giles  
Jeff Hanley  
Jeff Pierce  
Jethro Pease  
Jim Annis  
Jim Gillway  
Jim Hamper  
Joe Bruno  
Joel Stetkis  
John Nutting  
Karen Gerrish  
Karl Ward

Ken Fletcher  
Lester Ordway  
Mary Small  
Mike McClellan  
Norm Higgins  
Pat McGowan  
Pat Paradis  
Patrick Corey  
Patsy Crockett  
Paul Stearns  
Paula Sutton  
Peter Manning  
Phyllis Ginzler  
Rich Malaby  
Robert Alley  
Rod Whittemore  
Scott Strom  
Sherm Hutchins  
Stanley Short  
Stephanie Hawke  
Stephen Beaudette  
Sue Austin  
Tim Marks  
Tim Theriault  
Tom Skolfield  
Tom Winsor  
Wes Richardson