



**100% Employee Owned**

Harry A. Lanphear  
Administrative Director  
Maine Public Utilities Commission  
State house Station #18  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0018

RE: Docket No. 2023-2023-00038, Central Maine Power (CMP) Storm Recovery

Dear Mr. Lanphear,

I am writing to you today as the Project Manager for Q-Team Tree Service, a company that takes immense pride in being 100% employee-owned. I am writing to submit a Public Comment regarding Docket No. 2023-2023-00038, advocating for Central Maine Power's (CMP) Storm Recovery efforts on behalf of the employee-owners within our cherished communities.

In my 15+ years of experience, I have witnessed numerous storm restoration efforts, and throughout this time, CMP has consistently demonstrated their commitment to not only maintaining their restoration standards but also enhancing them in the face of adverse weather predictions. Maine's unpredictable climate poses unique challenges, with weather extremes that demand swift and safe power restoration.

We must recognize and applaud CMP for their proactive approach to storm recovery. They diligently monitor weather forecasts and assess the potential impact on our service areas, deploying crews as needed in anticipation of forecasted events. During the meticulous preplanning of these events, CMP strategically determines the required number of tree and line crews necessary to ensure the safe and timely restoration of power.

It is important to highlight the critical difference between pre-planning with supplemental vegetation crews on standby compared to having just the traditional on-system crews at the ready. This difference can equate to days, if not weeks, without power for our community members. While the final investment remains consistent, the presence of additional crews ensures a safer and swifter restoration process. I firmly believe that both our community members and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) would concur that safety is paramount in storm recovery. A larger workforce not only mitigates burnout but also contributes to a more seamless and secure restoration effort.



**100% Employee Owned**

I proudly stand alongside my fellow employee-owners, unified in our unwavering support for CMP and their storm response and restoration endeavors. Without CMP's cost-effective and exemplary leadership in preparation and response, the people of Maine would endure prolonged periods without power, unnecessarily. I have full confidence that CMP consistently makes the ethical and responsible choice by being well-prepared for storm restoration.

I sincerely hope that all within the PUC recognize and appreciate the value of CMP's dedication to storm preparedness and restoration. The residents served by CMP rely on their unwavering efforts, and I believe it is crucial to acknowledge their commitment to keeping our communities powered and safe during challenging times.

Thank you for your time and Consideration,

Michael Henderson, CTSP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Henderson', written in a cursive style.

Project Manager

Q-Team Tree Service

86 Casco Rd, Naples ME 04055

207-693-3831 (w)

207-515-3689 (c)

[mikehenderson@q-team.com](mailto:mikehenderson@q-team.com)