

July 7, 2023

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Distribution Rate
Increase and Rate Design Changes
Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 307

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
(Rate Design)

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROCEEDING

On July 5, 2023, pursuant to *Central Maine Power Company Request for Approval of Distribution Rate Increase and Rate Design Changes Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 307*, Docket No. 2022-00152, Order Approving Stipulation, Stipulation ¶ 55 (Jun. 6, 2023) (Rate Case Order), Central Maine Power Company (CMP) requested that the Commission notice the so-called “Expedited Follow-On Rate Design Proceeding” (Proceeding).

The purpose of the Proceeding is to:

- Develop rate designs options that (i) incentivize customers to shift usage away from the summer peak; (ii) incentivize the use of heat pumps and other beneficial electrification heating technologies during winter; (iii) and complement the incentives and programs offered by Efficiency Maine Trust;
- Consider 4-5 alternative rate designs targeting optimized use of electric vehicles and heat pumps, and consideration of further Time-of-Use rate structure;
- Consider the development of a Peak Time Rebate program option and/or pilot;
- Consider the development of a Non-Firm Customer rate option (for commercial customers);
- Consider and collect data concerning impacts on residential customers of an increase to the fixed charge;
- Develop a Customer Education and Communication Plan to effectively inform customers and facilitate customer understanding of the various alternative rate design options; and
- Develop a “Data Collection, Measurement and Evaluation Plan” to collect, maintain and analyze relevant data concerning future residential rate design options. This will include data related to customer bill impacts, impacts on load profiles and socio-economic data of participating customers, as well as a process for reporting the data.

Staff understands that the Proceeding is intended to be a collaborative stakeholder driven process. Staff intends to participate in the Proceeding. As a result of the Proceeding, on or about December 1, 2023, CMP will file a final proposal for the Commission's consideration. Staff asks participants to consider whether this Proceeding should be a non-adjudicatory proceeding conducted under a new docket. This topic could be addressed during the initial stakeholder discussion referenced below.

II. SERVICE OF NOTICE

CMP requested that the Commission notice the Proceeding in Docket No. 2022-00152, and also suggested that notice to the service lists in Docket Nos. 2021-00325 (Commission Initiated Investigation into Transmission and Distribution Utility Rate Design to Promote State Policies), and 2022-00160 (Commission Initiated Investigation into Stranded Cost Rate Design) may be appropriate to identify intervenors who seek to participate in the Proceeding. Once the participants in the Proceeding are identified, CMP will schedule an initial stakeholder discussion, during which the parties can formulate an appropriate schedule for future steps in this proceeding.

This Notice of Proceeding is issued in Docket Nos. 2022-00152, 2021-00325, and 2022-00160.

III. INTERVENTION

Interested persons wishing to participate as parties in the Proceeding should file a petition to intervene in accordance with Chapter 110 § 8(B) of the Commission's Rules no later than **Friday, July 14, 2023**. Petitions should be filed electronically in Docket No. 2022-00152 (not Docket Nos. 2021-00325 or 2022-00160) using the Commission's Case Management System (CMS).¹ Any objections to petitions to intervene must be filed on Docket No. 2022-00152 by **Friday, July 21, 2023**.

Any person who has already been granted party status in Docket No. 2022-00152 need not file a petition to intervene to participate in the Proceeding. However, by

¹ Anyone intervening must be a "registered user" in the Commission's CMS. To register, visit the Commission's website (<https://www.maine.gov/mpuc/>) and click "Online Filing, Docketed Case, Forms, and RFPs" on the left-hand side of the homepage. Then click "Registered Users" in the large gray box. Then click "New User Registration" at the bottom of the "Account Login" area. Detailed instructions are available on the Commission's website at <https://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=puc-pressreleases&id=409972&v=article08>. When registering, persons should indicate the entity or entities they represent and on whose behalf they will make filings. Anyone interested in intervening should also place themselves on the notification list for this docket (if they are not there already). Registered users whose petitions to intervene are granted will receive notice of filings by email from the Commission's CMS.

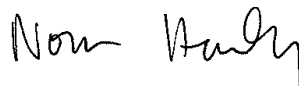
Friday, July 14, 2023, any such person must file a letter in Docket No. 2022-00152 expressing their desire to participate in the Proceeding.

Dated at Hallowell, Maine, this 7th day of July 2023.

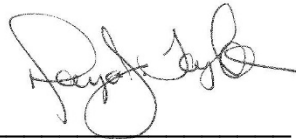
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