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May 15, 2025

Ms. Amy Dumeny
Administrative Director
Maine Public Utilities Commission
18 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04336

Re: CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY,
Request for Approval of Distribution Rate Increase and Rate Design Changes
Docket No. 2022-00152

Dear Ms. Dumeny:

In its Order dated June 6, 2023, in *Central Maine Power Company Request for Approval of Distribution Rate Increase and Rate Design Changes*, Docket No. 2022-00152, the Maine Public Utilities Commission (“MPUC” or the “Commission”) approved the continuation of the storm reporting provisions approved in Docket No. 2013-00168 *Central Maine Power Company, Request for Approval of New Alternative Rate Plan* (ARP 2020) and Docket No. 2018-00194 with one modification for the filing date of the Annual Compliance Filing. Paragraph 54. of the Stipulation approved in Docket No. 2013-168 states the following:

54. Storm Reporting and Annual Filing: Within 30 days after CMP’s costs are sufficiently finalized for any Tier 2 or Tier 3 storm event, CMP will file with the Commission a Notice of Storm Event which will provide a summary of the event and related costs. No later than April 1¹ each year starting in 2015, CMP will make an annual calculation of any rate adjustment needed to recover / return the customers’ share of any reserve account overage (positive or negative) as a result of storms occurring during the preceding year. For Tier 3 storm events, CMP will file an accounting order request no later than April 1 of the year following the event so that any rate adjustment for the Tier 3 storm costs may be implemented as part of a July 1 rate adjustment.

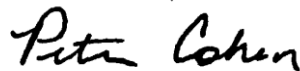
¹ The date for submission of the annual calculation of the rate adjustment changes from April 1 to March 1 for storms occurring during the preceding year per Paragraph 47 of the Stipulation approved in Docket No. 2022-00152.

In compliance with these requirements, Central Maine Power Company (“CMP” or “the Company”) hereby provides notice of a Tier 2 storm event experienced on March 7, 2025.

Enclosed please find a report summarizing the storm event and CMP’s restoration efforts. Although the current projections of incremental restoration costs for the event still include some estimates, the \$4.3 value for the March 7, 2025, storm indicates the storm will exceed the \$3.5 million qualifying criterion for a Tier 2 event. Consistent with the requirements of Stipulation Paragraph 54, a more accurate cost determination and additional supporting details for the events will be included in CMP’s annual storm cost reporting, to be submitted no later than March 1, 2026.

Please contact me if the Commission has any questions or needs any further information regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosures

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Post Storm Assessment Sheet	
Date of Storm: March 7, 2025	Predicted Event Level Classification: Level 5 ¹ Global Estimated Restoration Time from Peak: <48 hrs. Accounts Without Power at Peak: 24,899 Cumulative Customer Outages -Total Impacted: 64,709 Customer Outage Event Level Classification: Level 4 Storm Restoration Estimate: <4 Days Actual Restoration Time: 1 day, 11 Hours, and 41 minutes. Actual Storm OMS Outage Orders from ICDS: 916 OMS Event Level Classification: Level 3 ² Actual Wire Down/EMA Requests: 87 Wires Down/EMA Event Level Classification: Level 4 ³
Service Centers Opened:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridgton <input type="checkbox"/> Lewiston <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brunswick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portland <input type="checkbox"/> Rockland/Belfast <input type="checkbox"/> Augusta/Fairfield <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farmington, Dover and Skowhegan
Weather Conditions/Storm Type:	Hazardous Wind Gusts all areas, snow showers in the Northern areas. On March 6, 2025, DTN's weather forecast projected winds to increase again early Friday and hazard gusts to be expected for most of Operations Friday morning and afternoon, slowly

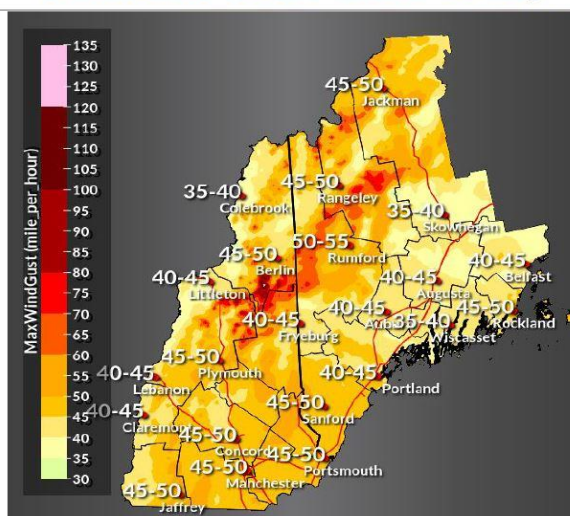
¹ Event Level 5 Crew range is between <125.

² Event Level 3 OMS outage is >400 - <1,000.

³ Event Level 5 Wire down/EMA requests is >25 - <75.

March 7, 2025, 05:00 EDT

Maximum Wind Gusts Today



fading Friday evening. Highest chances look to be in/around and downwind of the higher terrain and also in southwest operations. Confidence was high in timing and intensity.

After receiving and reviewing several forecasts and historical storm data, at 14:00 hrs. on March 6, 2025, Area Command asked Area Command Planning to secure approximately 40 crews for an 07:00 hrs. report time to their shop. Total crews ~43.

At 16:45 hrs. on March 6, 2025, Area Command instructed Area Command Planning to secure the remaining ~31 MSA crews and to assign a 09:00 hrs. report time to their facility.

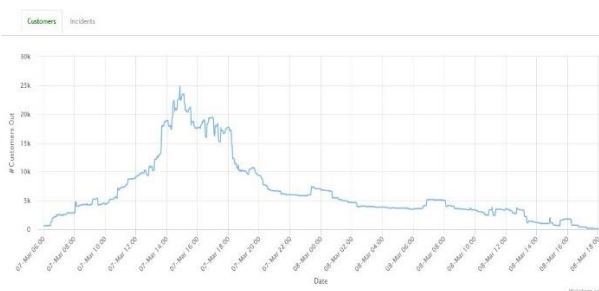
On March 7, 2025, the National Weather Service in Gray Maine issued a Daily Decision Support Briefing at 05:00 hrs. stating that a wind advisory was in effect for Maine and indicated westerly winds gusting to 45-55 mph.

At 06:00 hrs. on Friday March 7, 2024, DTN issued an Energy Event Index: Threat Level 2 for Friday March 7, for all regions with a high degree of confidence that the service areas will receive winds sustained greater than or equal to 15-30 mph and common gusts 25 - 50 mph with peak gusts ranging from 35-60 mph at higher elevations.

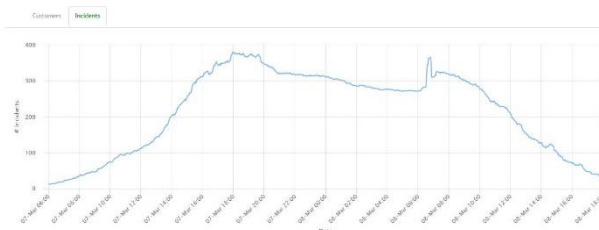
By 13:00 hrs. on March 7, 2024, the CMP service territory began to record outages. The Company had 69 external contractors working and was being supported by vegetation crews throughout the service area.

During the 14:00 hrs. Area Command call, DTN advised that the winds would continue into the afternoon and taper off tomorrow throughout the day. Area Command reported a peak outage in excess of ~13,000, with over ~20,000 customers without power at least once and over ~8,400 restored.

CMP Outage Graph
March 7, 2024, 07:00
through
March 8, 2024, 18:00
Source: ICDS



CMP Incident Graph
March 7, 2024, 07:00
through
March 8, 2024, 18:00
Source: ICDS



Restoration efforts continued throughout the day with crews responding and restoring as quickly as possible.

Having received updates from Incident Commanders at the service centers, Area Command asked Area Command Planning to secure additional crews for evening and night shift work. CMP added an additional 18 crews, 11 of which were assigned to nights in the Alfred area and ~30 vegetation crews were placed on storm to assist with down trees and fallen limbs.

On the morning of March 8, 2025, DTN reported that there would be strong sustained winds from the west. The strongest winds were projected to remain in Farmington, Dover and Skowhegan with common gusts of 30-40 mph and common gusts of 25-35 mph elsewhere. Peak gusts were observed at 40-52 mph in Northern, and 35-40 mph elsewhere. Area Command reported that ~60,000 customers were impacted and ~14 poles were damaged or broken.

Throughout the day, crews continued to respond to outages.

In the afternoon of March 8, 2025, Service Centers reported that their situations were stable and that service centers should expect the current resources assigned to be available through Thursday when the winds should finally subside.

On March 9, 2025, based on the morning weather update, with reported favorable wind conditions, Area Command advised Area Command Planning that night crews could be released following their last repair orders.

As winds subsided across the service area and crews completed trouble orders and sweeps the last contractor crews were released following their final restoration assignment by 20:00 hrs. at which time Area Command demobilized ICS.

	CMP cancelled storm mode at 07:47 March 10, 2025.
1. Corporate Storm Center Activated?	Yes: The corporate storm center was activated on March 7, 2025, at 05:00 Hrs.
2. Weather reports monitored?	Yes: National Weather Forecasting, UtiliWeather, DTN Weather Sentry, and the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine provided on-going weather monitoring. Reports were provided to Area Commanders, Incident Commanders, and key lines of business.
3. Managers updated on weather changes?	Yes: Weather updates were sent to the managers of regional operations and were presented or reviewed on conference calls during the planning process and throughout the event.
4. Pre-storm preparation?	Yes: Area Command established the Area Command Planning Section at approximately 14:00 hrs. on March 6, 2025, to monitor the storm and resource availability, and if necessary secure resources for restoration effort.
5. Were local EMA agreements followed?	Yes: Local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) agreements were followed. Incident Command opened lines of communication with its County EMA Operations Centers. Local Service Centers utilized the local road closure lists when provided by the County EMA for guidance to keep roadways open and critical infrastructure sites accessible. CMP had remote liaison officers available to requesting County EMA Operations Center to improve communications and response.
6. MEMA contacted?	Yes: Communication with Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) was available throughout the weather event and the restoration process. CMP's Public Liaison team updated the duty officer as necessary.
7. MPUC notification?	Yes: Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) was notified as required and critical sites were monitored for outages.
8. Field damage assessment done?	Yes: Damage Assessment occurred.
9. Corporate assessment plan activated?	Yes: The Damage Assessment Branch Director assigned corporate assessors when requested by Area Command.
10. Was outside help requested?	Yes: CMP received assistance from MSA and Non-MSA contractors.
11. Were crews reassigned to other areas?	Yes: Crews were reassigned as areas cleaned up.

12. Were there any deviations from the ESRP? If yes, please explain:	No: There was no deviation from the ESRP.
13. Were there circumstances of this event that caused a material deviation to the external staffing guidelines based on the pre or post event level of the storm as determined by CMP? If yes, please explain.	No: There was not a material deviation from the pre-event or post event external staffing levels as outlined in the ERP.