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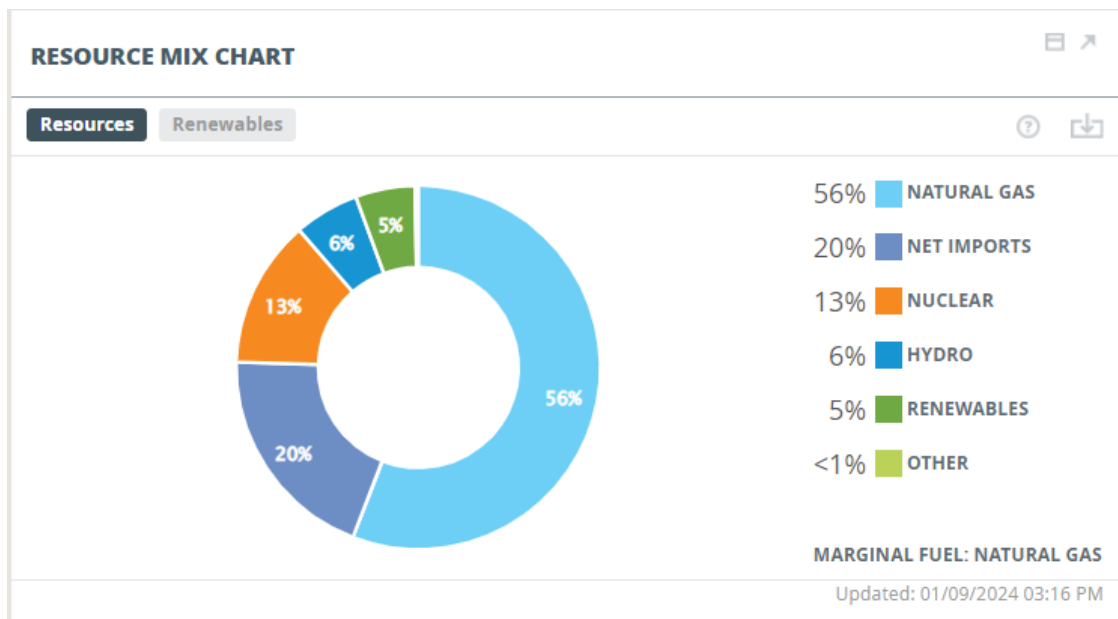
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Hello,

I encourage you to please **oppose the electrical vehicle mandate**. The Maine people can't afford electric vehicles. Also, there aren't enough charging stations in Maine, nor are Maine homes equipped with electrical services large enough to accommodate the increased electrical capacity. The electric vehicle technology is primitive and not suited for Maine, due to it taking far too long to charge electric vehicles, while limiting travel distance. Can you imagine the lines of car waiting their turn to charge their vehicles at charging stations, when it can take upwards of 5-8 hours for a full recharge per vehicle? It would make the gas lines of the 1970s look like nothing. The Maine economy would be devastated, due to Maine people becoming incapable of basic transportation. How will electric vehicles be charged in a period of prolonged electrical outages? What will this do to our auto industry?

I encourage you to look at the graph below, which is directly from ISO New England. The graph illustrates that switching to electric vehicles does nothing to improve the environment. Electric vehicles simply switch CO2 emissions from the tailpipe of automobiles to the smokestacks of electrical generators. In addition, the electrical grid is not large enough to sustain all the additional load. The physics does not work. How can an electrical vehicle be charged in a time of blackouts due to insufficient generation because our electrical system tripped out on underfrequency relays?

<https://www.iso-ne.com/isoexpress/web/charts>



Please support the Maine people, our economy and reject this foolish mandate.

Thank you!

