



MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? Could funding help?

Engaging in a proceeding or hearing with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC) can be challenging. The PUC recognized that and created a funding mechanism to help people get involved- it is called intervenor and participant funding.

Through this program you may:

- Have legal representation reimbursed
- Be reimbursed the cost of hiring an expert witness to testify
- Cover other reasonable expenses



35-A M.R.S § 840
Intervenor and participant funding

To be eligible someone must meet these criteria:



Representation

If the position being advocated by the person is not adequately represented without their presence.

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Financial

If being involved would caused the person to have substantial financial hardship.

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Assist

If a person would substantially contribute to the proceeding and to assist in the resolution of the issues

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Eligibility

If they comply with the eligibility determination requirements and the filing requirements for dispersing funds.



- Intervenor funding can be requested any time during the proceeding.
- Submit a petition to the PUC to determine eligibility.
- See 35-A M.R.S § 840 to see what specific information needs to be submitted in the petition.
- The PUC will make a determination within 14 days.
- If approved for intervenor funding, the PUC will determine a funding cap based on the information submitted in the petition.

For more information:



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