

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



To be eligible someone must meet these criteria:



Representation

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



Financial

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



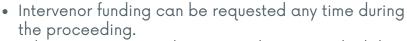
Assist

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



Eligibility

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



- 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.



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