



BUILDING A STRONGER, SMARTER ENERGY GRID



Central Maine Power (CMP) is launching a multi-year energy grid upgrade called the **Brightline BES (Bulk Electric System) Initiative**. This upgrade will allow us to meet the growing needs of our communities and the energy demands of the economy.

The Brightline BES Initiative will enable CMP to comply with new regulatory requirements for reliability. These requirements provide direction for future energy grid planning and investment to create a more reliable grid and support the growth of renewable energy.

Over the next decade, CMP, through its Brightline BES Initiative, will **build a more robust and resilient energy grid by investing in substation improvements and transmission system enhancements**. Combined with non-transmission alternatives such as load reduction and solar, this will ensure continued outstanding service to our customers.

By investing in electric transmission upgrades today, we strengthen Maine and pave the way for a clean energy economy tomorrow.

CMP performed comprehensive, multi-year transmission planning studies to examine the need for system improvements and identify viable solutions. Through this effort, we identified areas that need upgrades to comply with the regulatory standards.

CMP's Brightline BES Initiative will involve upgrades to more than 80 miles of transmission lines and 18 substations throughout our service area, with the majority sited in existing rights-of-way.



OUR APPROACH

- **CMP** will engage with our customers, neighbors, community leaders, regulators and business partners to strengthen our system with transmission and non-transmission improvements to develop specific enhancements while minimizing disruption to the environment and community.
- **CMP** is committed to building on its record of working collaboratively with communities and landowners to identify mutually acceptable solutions.
- **CMP** has a dedicated team of community liaisons who will communicate important news and project information and encourage community involvement throughout the duration of the Brightline BES Initiative projects.

The Brightline BES Initiative is early in the planning process. The investments being made to improve the energy grid in your area are expected to generate new tax revenues and spur increased economic activity in the communities we serve. Each Brightline BES Initiative project will be subject to local, state and federal approval processes in which input from interested stakeholders is welcomed.

Maine deserves a reliable, resilient and safe electric system that can support renewable energy.

A subsidiary of AVANGRID, CMP serves 619,000 homes and businesses, representing about 80% of Maine's population and most of the state's commercial centers.

AVANGRID, together with its parent company Iberdrola, is a **world leader in the development and operation of smart energy distribution networks and clean renewable generation**. Using that experience and financial strength, CMP is committed to developing the best solutions to allow it to continue providing outstanding service to homes and businesses well into the future.