



June 1, 2025

Dear Members of Maine PowerOptions:

This letter is to explain the enclosed invoice for your membership renewal.

Maine PowerOptions (MPO) has been your energy purchasing consortium since 1999, when it was formed by state statute to provide an energy aggregation service, under management of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority.

The original membership model for MPO was to give members a lifetime membership after they paid a nominal membership fee, upon joining the consortium.

We have found that over 26 years and through staff turnover, many members have become unaware that they hold this membership and they have stopped using our services.

Worse yet, many have been paying too much for energy, often paying brokers a surcharge for energy procurement, instead of using our services for free.

Our remedy for this “institutional forgetfulness” is to begin charging a small, annual renewal fee to members, starting in July 2025, in order to keep you engaged and ensure that you are reaping the benefits of your membership.

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the membership benefits listed on page 2 of your invoice, your MPO membership leverages a reciprocal membership with PowerOptions (PO), a corollary organization serving nonprofits and public organizations in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

PowerOptions has a staff of over 20 and a robust set of services, which it offers to MPO members as if they were also members of PO. This is an exceptional value for MPO members, as the annual membership fees for PO members start at \$150.

This is a summary of their program offerings: Solar and Renewables Procurement, Energy Sustainability and Analytics (including decarbonization planning) and Clean Transportation Development.

We, the staff at Maine PowerOptions look forward to serving your energy needs long into the future and appreciate your engagement through continued membership in our consortium.

All the best,

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