



### **Maine PowerOptions Member Benefits**

- ✓ **Who We Are:** Maine PowerOptions (MPO) is a non-profit, energy purchasing consortium which serves as an aggregator for Maine's local governmental and non-profit organizations. We currently have more than 800 members with over 250 participating in our electricity and fuel oil programs.
- ✓ **Voluntary:** This program is voluntary in nature. By joining Maine PowerOptions, your organization is not obligated to purchase energy through the program. There are no costs to participate and no forms to sign which may limit your procurement choice.
- ✓ **Education:** The main purpose of the program is to provide members with the information necessary to make an informed decision over procurement strategy. We provide updates on market trends and regulatory issues affecting accounts.
- ✓ **Market Expertise and Pro-Active Pricing for Members:** The key to electricity savings is pro-active management of competitive agreements. Through the program, individual members can take advantage of market dips to lock in prices or extend agreements, which in turn brings budget protection and the ability to manage risk.
- ✓ **Preferential Terms in Supply Agreements:** Our agreement has been reviewed by program staff and legal counsel to ensure member protection is guaranteed. Preferred terms avoid any additional or hidden fees. There are no penalties or market-based charges if usage increases or decreases. No early termination fees, unless the entire agreement is terminated. Preferential pricing is offered by the supplier when comparing the day pricing is offered and accounts are of similar size.
- ✓ **Agreement Terms:** We ensure that we have no "auto-renewal" clauses and no "special introductory" rates. We ensure we have included beneficial terms designed to protect members from "hidden fees". In the past few years, MPO has added generous allowances for organizations with "renewable generation behind the meter". These net-metered accounts will not affect the pricing offered.
- ✓ **Involvement:** Any agreement negotiated by MPO is for the benefit of its participants. The program uses an Institutional Advisory Committee (IAC) composed of members to review potential new programs, benefits, and the selection of the program supplier.
- ✓ **Program Fee:** The program membership fee is a one-time, low-cost fee allowing all Maine's local governmental and non-profit organizations to participate in MPO programs.
- ✓ **Access to Programs Regardless of Organization Size:** Most programs of this type want to focus on the larger organizations or market groups. This only further serves to limit the options of the smaller organizations already disadvantaged with far less resources. MPO is unique in that its primary goal and legislative mandate is to provide electricity and fuel option opportunities to Maine's local governmental and non-profit organizations regardless of size.
- ✓ **Administrative Support for Members:** The program maintains member energy data and provides account usage, agreement tracking, and analysis for its members. MPO serves as the advocate in any issues related to accounts and agreements.



## Intent to Participate - Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal name of organization)

We (above-mentioned organization) choose to participate in the Maine PowerOptions - Non-Profit Energy Purchasers Consortium, and agree to:

- Have its name listed as a potential purchaser of power or other energy products and services;
- Provide necessary information on energy usage and billing to Maine PowerOptions, or its selected power supplier(s);
- Appoint a senior-level contact person; and
- Receive and fairly consider Maine PowerOptions' energy supply and services arrangements.

**NOTE:** Your organization is not required to make a purchase commitment and this form is not to be construed as an obligation to contract for energy or services through Maine PowerOptions until you sign an Energy Supply Contract, including all terms and conditions, the service package, and guarantees of financial security and reliability.

Mailing Address: _____
Date: _____
Authorized Signature (CEO, CFO, etc.): _____
Printed Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Organization Type: (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Water <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____

Contact Person for this project: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please indicate approximate annual usage of electricity in dollar amounts: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (required from all applicants)

Name of Electric Utility (Utilities) \_\_\_\_\_

Does the institution have self-generation capacity?  Yes  No - list kilowatts of self-generation \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please email one copy of an electric bill for each of the organization's electricity accounts with this form to: [info@mainepoweroptions.org](mailto:info@mainepoweroptions.org) or Maine PowerOptions, 127 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330.**



### Agreement Regarding Energy Data

The undersigned ("Member") has indicated its Intent to Participate in the formation of Maine PowerOptions, a program of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank ("MMBB") and the Maine Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority ("MHHEFA"). To carry out the development of the consortium, MMBB and MHHEFA and Member more specifically agree to the gathering and tabulation of relevant energy data as described below. Throughout this Agreement, references to Member also include the Member's affiliates.

Member will provide data that MMBB and MHHEFA reasonably requests for the purposes of 1) describing and evaluating Member and its integration into the consortium, 2) describing the business volume and characteristics of the consortium and various subsets, 3) representing the group to potential suppliers, aggregators, and other service providers, 4) calculating group benefits, and 5) other purposes consistent with the aims of Maine PowerOptions. Member also agrees to facilitate MMBB's and MHHEFA's efforts to obtain information directly from its suppliers or others with access to needed data; the "Authorization to Release Information" will evidence its approval.

Member understands its data may be obtained and used by MMBB and MHHEFA in disaggregated form and that MMBB and MHHEFA expects to release consortium information only in aggregated formats, combined in various ways for evaluation. MMBB and MHHEFA agrees not to identify Member's data without express consent, or to release disaggregated data unless Member, by virtue of size or load characteristics, is unavoidably the sole member of an evaluated class. MMBB and MHHEFA will use its best efforts to avoid publishing analyses that single out members and to mask identities in any such presentations.

MMBB and MHHEFA agrees that, absent a lawful order, it will not release Member's identifiable disaggregated data to any party not directly related to Maine PowerOptions, including potential or engaged suppliers, without Member's specific written approval. Member specifically acknowledges that its data may be or may become available to others through sources other than MMBB and MHHEFA.

In the event of withdrawal from Maine PowerOptions, Member's data will be excluded from subsequent MMBB and MHHEFA analyses and MMBB and MHHEFA will have no further right to access, or responsibility to maintain the information. Upon request, a copy of its data will be provided to Member.

Agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

FOR: Maine PowerOptions Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
127 Community Drive - Augusta, ME 04338-2268 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: 207-621-0744 Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: info@mainepoweroptions.org Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Katharine K Mann, Program Officer By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name and sign below) (print name and sign below)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_



### Authorization to Release Information

On behalf of the Maine PowerOptions member ("Member") named below, the undersigned hereby authorizes Member's electric, fuel and gas providers and their affiliates or agents, and Member's lessors, landlords, housing authorities (or others with access to or control over the referenced information) and their affiliates or agents, to provide to Maine PowerOptions or its designated representatives, information regarding Member's (and Member's affiliates') electricity, fuel or gas consumption, and characteristics of that consumption, since December 1999. The information to be provided may be requested by Maine PowerOptions or by representatives of Member for delivery to Maine PowerOptions. The format of the request and desired response may be directed and agreed with the provider of the information by Maine PowerOptions.

Member has provided Maine PowerOptions with a list(s) of its utility service accounts which is to form the basis of requests. Information regarding additional accounts of Member or its affiliates may be released to Maine PowerOptions upon inclusion in the list(s).

Member specifically authorizes delivery of disaggregated data regarding its accounts, that is, data may be provided separately for each account, if requested.

Restrictions and limitations on the use of the data provided to Maine PowerOptions are described in an agreement between Member and Maine PowerOptions and need no further elaboration by providers. Maine PowerOptions is obligated to maintain a file of this authorization and any revocations. The file may be consulted for authorization validity at Maine PowerOptions, 127 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330 Tel: 207-621-0744.

Member Organization (legal name):

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Authorized by:

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(print name)

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(signature)

(date)

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(title)

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(phone)

(email)



**Maine Power Options** - \*One time **Membership Fee** Schedule

<b>Annual Electricity Bill Amount</b>	<b>Membership Fee</b>
\$1,000,000 and up	\$500.00
\$750,000 to \$999,999	\$375.00
\$500,000 to \$749,999	\$250.00
\$250,000 to \$499,999	\$175.00
\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$125.00
\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$50.00
\$25,000 to \$49,999	\$25.00
Below \$25,000	Fee Waived

\*Provides access to educational materials and evaluation of all program offerings. A separate program fee may be charged to participate in a specific contract. Additional program fees, if any, will be disclosed as part of the contract(s) evaluation. Membership fee is non-refundable.

Membership Fee Enclosed

Please bill us