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Pine Tree Power (and friends) are pleased to invite you to this important press conference TODAY at 10 am.

Post-Hurricane Lee Reliability Press Briefing: *How do nonprofit power utilities keep the lights on longer, and for less?*

When: TODAY, Friday 9/22, 10-11 am

What: A press conference by national, international, and Maine public power experts addressing these questions, critical to understanding Question 3 on the November ballot:

- Why do U.S. public power utility customers enjoy the least time without power, while paying less?
- What do we know about how Maine utilities of different ownership types performed in post-tropical cyclone Lee, and perform generally?
- Do nonprofit power utilities (cooperatives and munis/public power) have other reliability advantages?
- Media questions relevant to nonprofit power generally

Who: Media and invited speakers

Speakers:

Adrienne Lotto, Senior Vice President of Grid Security, Technical & Operations for the [American Public Power Association](#)

Bill Dunn, International Utility Consultant (Retired). Expert consultant with over 50 years of experience in the electricity industry; has advised clients of all utility ownership types (i.e., public, private, local, and federal) worldwide (25+ countries) and throughout the US.

John Clark, past President of the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, past President of the Dirigo Electric Cooperative, and past President of the Northeast Public Power Association.

Moderated by Seth Berry, former Maine state representative and public power proponent

Where: Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9886692234>

Note: Please add your media outlet to your zoom name when entering the waiting room.

If you have any trouble signing on, please email press@sole-strategies.com or text 207-671-2693. Look forward to having you

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Pine Tree Power is a grassroots coalition with members all the way from the coasts to the County. We are fighting for a utility that is owned and run by Mainers, for Mainers. By voting out CMP and Versant, we will bring back local control, save money, and reduce outages. It's time to build power we can trust.