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R.B. No. 1132 AAC INEFFICIENT STATE BUILDINGS.

The proposed bill would provide for an energy efficiency and renewable program for state and municipal buildings. We strongly support this bill.

The state and municipal buildings program would create a new approach to help the state address its current budget shortfalls while at the same time taking advantage of untapped energy efficiency opportunities and improving the overall environment. This program would provide up to 100% financing to implement energy efficiency solutions and requires no subsidies of other customers. If this bill is passed, CL&P would rapidly deploy energy efficiency measures in the shortest amount of time possible. The program allows us to lower annual energy costs at existing municipal and state government facilities, thereby easing the pressure on energy cost budgets. By providing funding with little or no customer capital investment, the program will make viable capital projects that otherwise would not have been implemented.

The program would establish arrangements between and municipal or state electric customers and electric distribution companies to design and implement projects designed to provide energy savings. Repayment of the cost of the project would come out of the savings from the specific municipal, state customer who undertakes the project through a customer-specific facilities charge.

We support this program and we look forward to helping the state and the municipalities we serve in lowering their monthly energy bills and improving the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this bill.