

[Town of Falmouth Letterhead]

December 14, 2009

Honorable Mary Nelson  
Honorable Joan Cohen  
Senator Jerry Davis

RE Letter of Support for Establishing Falmouth as the Lead Community for Installing Smart Metering

Dear Representative Nelson, Representative, Cohen, and Senator Davis:

As one of twenty-five Maine communities that signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, Falmouth is committed to reducing energy use and global warming emissions. An important part of the town's clean energy strategy is to increase awareness of how energy is used and with that increased knowledge, enable our community to use energy more effectively.

The Falmouth Green Ribbon Commission has recommended that the town of Falmouth become one of the first locations to implement Smart Metering for all Falmouth residents. By creating awareness of how each individual household uses electrical power, the community can avoid wasting both energy and money. Smart Metering could help our residents reinvest their electrical savings into other programs that could add to each household's conservation efforts.

This letter is to express the Falmouth Town Council's support of Smart Metering and Falmouth's desire to be one of the first communities in Maine to install this system. We would particularly like to request:

- That smart meters include an easy to read, inside interface for the home owner.
- That smart meters be combined with a Rate of Use incentive for homeowners to vary their use to off peak hours.
- That CMP provide residents with "energy orbs" similar to that tested by Baltimore Gas & Electric, which turn red during peak hour times to encourage less power consumption.

Kind regards,

Cathy Breen, Chair, Falmouth Town Council

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