

# PACE LEGISLATION AND RETROFIT RAMP-UP PROGRAMS IN MAINE

Property Assessed Clean Energy



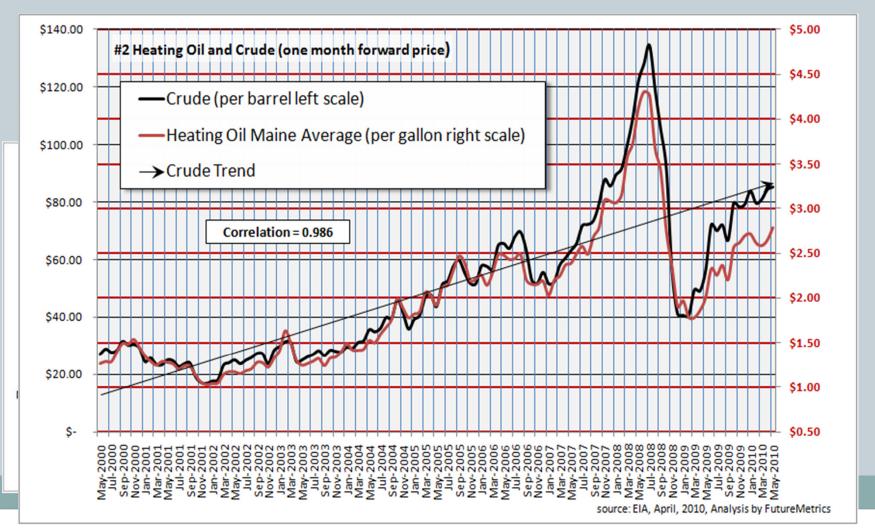
### The Problem

Maine currently has the highest dependence on #2 heating oil of any state in the nation. With annual consumption of half a billion gallons, the state is losing upwards of a billion dollars – and thousands of jobs – every year.

# Significantly due to:

Old housing stock, plenty of cold weather, very little natural gas distribution, expensive electricity.

State	Occupied Households	Percent that Use #2 Heating Oil	Average Gallons Used per Year	Average Total Expenditure Per Year (at \$2.80/gal)	Amount that Does not Stay in the States ANNUALY
Maine	542,000	80%	390,240,000	\$ 1,092,672,000	\$ 852,284,000
Vermont	251,000	59%	133,281,000	\$ 373,186,800	\$ 291,086,000
New Hampshire	501,000	58%	261,522,000	\$ 732,261,600	\$ 571,164,000
Total			785,043,000	\$ 2,198,120,400	\$ 1,714,534,000





# Efficiency Maine Trust

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The Efficiency Maine Trust was established to develop, plan, coordinate and implement energy efficiency and alternative energy programs in Maine.

#### **Triennial Plan of the Efficiency Maine Trust**

- Reductions in electricity and natural gas consumption of 30 percent within a decade;
- Reductions in oil heating use of 20 percent in the same timeframe; and
- Weatherization of 100 percent of homes and 50 percent of businesses by 2030.



## **Efficiency Maine Residential Programs**

#### •HOME ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

- •Cash incentives based on Energy Audit Projected Savings
- •(Currently \$1500 for 25%, \$3000 for 50%)
- •75 BPI Participating Energy Advisors and growing.....
- •RESIDENTIAL HEATING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM DOLLARS FOR BOILER UPGRADES
- •RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING PROGRAM CFLS ETC
- •PACE MORTGAGE RESOURCES (R2) LAUNCHING!



#### What is PACE?

#### PACE – a brief history

- Originally Municipal funding mechanism for energy improvements on residences.
- Various versions passed in more than 25 states in 2009/2010.
- Fannie and Freddy said no to "super priority lien PACE"
- Maine PACE remains to forge the way forward.
- Maine PACE program being designed to be in compliance with all appropriate banking regulations and standards, FHFA.



#### What is PACE?

Maine PACE is financing for residential weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades conducted through the framework of the Efficiency Maine Home Energy Savings Program.

- 1. Initial BPI Energy Audit
- 2. Energy Model and Recommended Improvements
- 3. Financing? (down-pmt)
- 4. Project Work
- 5. Post-work Energy Audit
- 6. Release of Funding and Incentives



#### What is special about the Maine Model of PACE?

- Transferable Secondary Priority PACE Mortgage
- Can be administered by Town or Efficiency Maine
- No liability to Town or officials
- Not a Tax not part of the Tax Lien Process

## If administered By Efficiency Maine

- All back office work done by Central Master Servicer
- Town effort becomes strictly community outreach
- All measures must be cost effective



#### How can Towns participate?

- Pass PACE Ordinance
- Establish PACE contract with Efficiency Maine
- Outreach and Education (Energy Committee)

#### Resources to be available:

- Energy Committee materials
- Regional Outreach Meetings (w/COGs and RPGs)
- Media for Local Cable TV, newsletters etc



#### **Underwriting Standards**

- No past due taxes, sewer, mortgage pmts or liens.
- No reverse mortgages
- Loan to value not underwater
- Debt to Income ratio no less than HUD (43% current)

#### **Terms**

- 5, 10, or 15 years not to exceed life of measures
- No fees all costs of program carried by low flat uniform interest rate set to provide long term program sustainability.



# www.efficiencymaine.com/pace

Check out the website for updates or sign up for the PACE info listserve: (PACEinfo@efficiencymaine.com)

- Introduction to Maine PACE;
- Model PACE Ordinances (2);
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs); and,
- LD 1717 An Act to Increase the Affordability of Clean Energy for Homeowners and Businesses.