

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

and

STATE OF MAINE
LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Application for Site Location of Development
Act permit and Natural Resources Protection
Act permit for the New England Clean Energy
Connect (“NECEC”)

L-27625-26- A-N
L-27625-TB-B-N
L-27625-2C-C-N
L-27625-VP-D-N
L-27625-IW-E-N

SITE LAW CERTIFICATION SLC-9

GROUP 4 (AMC, NRCM, AND TU)
MOTION TO DELAY HEARING AND
ALLOW ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

MARCH 19, 2019

Intervenor Group 4, consisting of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM), and Maine Council of Trout Unlimited (TU), collectively referred to in this proceeding as Group 4, respectfully submits the following request to delay the upcoming hearings to allow additional time to review the recently submitted material and provide rebuttal testimony, if necessary. In the alternative, Group 4 requests that parties be allowed to submit additional testimony and recall witnesses related to the recently submitted material on one or more of the reserved dates in May.

At 5:50pm on Monday, March 18, 2019, the Department sent two separate emails containing “information on the compensation parcels received today from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife” to the email notification list for the above-captioned matter. The emails contain eleven files and appear to be material submitted to the Department in response to a December 21, 2018, email request for additional information.

Simply put, there is not sufficient time to adequately review and prepare to cross examine Central Maine Power Company (CMP) on this new information, made available only 9 business days before the commencement of the public hearings and twelve days after the deadline for

Intervenors to submit direct testimony, while also finalizing rebuttal testimony and preparing for the upcoming hearing. Additionally, this new information may impact direct testimony submitted on February 28, 2019.

A fair, open, and efficient process demands that parties have the opportunity to review this new material and update any relevant direct testimony prior to the hearing. Unfortunately, there is not sufficient time between now and the start of the hearing for this review to occur. Therefore, Group 4 respectfully requests that the Department and Commission delay the public hearings so that the parties can review this new material and make any necessary updates to their testimony. If the Department and Commission deny this request, Group 4 respectfully requests that the Department and Commission consider utilizing one or more of the reserved days in May to allow additional testimony and cross-examination on the newly submitted material.

Respectfully submitted,



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