

**PUBLIC NOTICE:  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

Please take notice that Central Maine Power Company (CMP), 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, ME 04336, (207) 623-3521, is intending to file applications for a Site Location of Development Act permit, Natural Resources Protection Act permit, and Water Quality Certification with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S. §§ 481 thru 490, 38 M.R.S. §§ 480-A thru 480-JJ, and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, respectively, on or about September 22, 2017. The applications are for construction of the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC), a project which includes a new electric transmission line from Beattie Township on the Quebec border to a new DC to AC converter station in Lewiston, Maine, as well as construction of a new electric transmission line between Windsor and Wiscasset; the rebuild of existing transmission lines between Lewiston and Pownal; construction of a new substation in Pownal; and upgrades to several additional existing transmission lines and substations located in one or more of the following municipalities or townships:

Alna, Anson, Appleton Twp, Auburn, Bald Mountain Twp, Beattie Twp, Bradstreet Twp, Caratunk, Chesterville, Concord Twp, Cumberland, Durham, Embden, Farmington, Greene, Hobbstown Twp, Industry, Jay, Johnson Mountain Twp, Leeds, Lewiston, Livermore Falls, Lowelltown Twp, Merrill Strip Twp, Moscow, Moxie Gore, New Gloucester, New Sharon, Parlin Pond Twp, Pownal, Skinner Twp, Starks, T5 R7 BKP WKR, The Forks Plt, West Forks Plt, Whitefield, Wilton, Windsor, Wiscasset, and Woolwich, Maine.

There will be three public informational meetings regarding the NECEC project. A purpose of these meetings is for the applicant to inform the public of the project and its anticipated environmental impacts and to educate the public about the opportunities for public comment on the project. The meetings will be held on September 5, 2017, at the Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, 671 South Belfast Road, Windsor; September 6, 2017; at the Ramada Conference Center, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston; and September 7, 2017, at the Valley High School, 110 Meadow Street, Bingham. Each meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and end at 7 p.m.

The Site Location application will include a request, pursuant to 12 M.R.S. § 685-B(1-A)(B-1), that the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) certify to the MDEP that the NECEC is an allowed use in the subdistricts in which it is proposed and that the NECEC will comply with applicable LUPC land use standards that are not considered in the MDEP's review.

The Site Location, Natural Resources Protection Act, and Water Quality Certification applications, including the request for LUPC certification, will be filed for public inspection at the MDEP's offices in Augusta and Bangor, and at the LUPC's offices in Augusta and in West Farmington during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen on the MDEP's website [www.maine.gov/dep/land/sitelaw/selected-developments/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/sitelaw/selected-developments/index.html)<sup>1</sup>, on the LUPC's website ([www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/site\\_law\\_certification/slc\\_links.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/site_law_certification/slc_links.shtml)), at the Franklin and Somerset county offices, and at the municipal offices in Alna, Anson, Auburn, Caratunk, Chesterville, Cumberland, Durham, Embden, Farmington, Greene, Industry, Jay, Leeds, Lewiston, Livermore Falls, Moscow, Moxie Gore, New Gloucester, New Sharon, Pownal, Starks, The Forks Plt, West Forks Plt, Whitefield, Wilton, Windsor, Wiscasset, and Woolwich, Maine.

Requests for the Board of Environmental Protection to assume jurisdiction over the application or requests for a hearing on the application must be submitted to the MDEP in writing no later than 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. A public hearing on the Site Location application may or may not be held at the discretion of the MDEP Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the Site Location, Natural Resources Protection Act, and Water Quality Certification applications will be accepted by the MDEP throughout the processing of the applications.

For federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of the Site Location application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456.

Written public comments on the Site Law, Natural Resources Protection Act, or Water Quality Certification applications may be sent to the MDEP's regional office in Augusta or Bangor, where the applications are filed for public inspection:

Attn. Jim Beyer, DEP Project Coordinator, [NECEC.DEP@maine.gov](mailto:NECEC.DEP@maine.gov), (207) 941-4570

MDEP, Central Maine Regional Office, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

MDEP, Eastern Maine Regional Office, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401

A request for a LUPC public hearing on the request for certification and/or a petition for leave to intervene in any such hearing must be received by the LUPC in writing no later than 20 days after the request for certification is found by the LUPC to be complete and accepted for processing. The LUPC will consider the degree of public interest when determining whether to hold a public hearing, but the decision whether to hold a hearing is at the LUPC's discretion. If the LUPC holds a public hearing, members of the public also may offer testimony at the hearing without formally intervening in the hearing, and/or may submit written comments until the close of the record. A request or petition that is not timely filed will be denied unless the requestor / petitioner shows good cause for failure to file on time. Filing may be by electronic mail or facsimile if followed by receipt of an original signed document within five working days. The LUPC's provisions for intervention may be found in Chapter 5, section 5.13 of the LUPC's rules, which are available at [www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/laws\\_rules/rule\\_chapters/additional\\_chapters.html](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/laws_rules/rule_chapters/additional_chapters.html).

If no public hearing is held, interested persons may submit written comments on the certification throughout the processing of the certification request. Written public comments and questions on the request for certification may be mailed to the LUPC's office in Augusta: Land Use Planning Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333; or emailed to [Samantha.Horn-Olsen@maine.gov](mailto:Samantha.Horn-Olsen@maine.gov); or faxed to (207) 287-7439.

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