

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION APPEAL SCHEDULE

In the Matter of

Appeals of Natural Resources Council of Maine, NextEra Energy Resources LLC,
and West Forks Group of
DEP Commissioner Licensing Decisions for
Central Maine Power Company's and NECEC Transmission LLC's
New England Clean Energy Connect Project

What: On May 11, 2020, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection conditionally approved the permit applications Central Maine Power Company (CMP) to construct the NECEC project (NECEC Order). On December 4, 2020, the Commissioner approved the application of CMP and NECEC Transmission LLC to partially transfer to NECEC Transmission LLC the NECEC Order (Transfer Order).

Three appeals of the NECEC Order were filed with the Board by the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM), NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NextEra), and the West Forks Group.¹ NRCM also filed an appeal to the Board of the Transfer Order.

When: May 17-18, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Where: University of Maine at Farmington – Lincoln Auditorium, Main Street, Farmington, ME 04938

Link to video broadcast: <https://maine.zoom.us/j/87461906916>

I. EXECUTIVE ANALYST INTRODUCTION [10 min]

II. DEPARTMENT STAFF OVERVIEW [50 min]

1. Nick Livesay and James Beyer, Bureau of Land Resources

¹ West Forks Group is comprised of persons who intervened in the Department licensing proceeding and who are now represented by Elizabeth A. Boepple, Esq. Appellants in the West Forks Group are: Kathy Barkley, Ed Buzzell, Carrie Carpenter, Town of Caratunk, Mandy Farrer, Noah Hale, Hawk's Nest Lodge, Kennebec River Anglers, Kim Lyman, Maine Guide Service, Mike Pilsbury, Eric Sherman, Matt Wagner, and West Forks Plantation.

III. APPELLANTS' PRESENTATIONS	[165 min]
1. NRCM (James Kilbreth, Esq.)	[60 min]
Board and staff questions	[15 min]
2. NextEra (Joanna Tourangeau, Esq.)	[60 min]
Board and staff questions	[15 min]
3. West Forks Group (Elizabeth Boepple, Esq.)	[60 min]
Board and staff questions	[15 min]

– LUNCH BREAK– **[45 min]**

IV. APPELLEES' PRESENTATION	[95 min]
1. Central Maine Power and NECEC Transmission LLC (Matthew Manahan, Esq.)	[75 min]
Board and staff questions	[20 min]

V. COMMENTS OF INTERVENORS	[60 min]
1. Friends of Boundary Mountains (Bob Weingarten)	[10 min]
2. Industrial Energy Consumer Group (R. Benjamin Borowski, Esq.)	[10 min]
3. Maine State Chamber of Commerce, Lewiston-Auburn Metro Chamber of Commerce, and City of Lewiston (Gerald F. Petruccelli, Esq.)	[10 min]
Board and staff questions	[20 min]

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VI. DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENTATION	[90 min]
1. Nick Livesay and James Beyer, Bureau of Land Resources	[60 min]
Board and staff questions	[30 min]

VII. REBUTTAL	[85 min]
1. NRCM (James Kilbreth, Esq.)	[20 min]
2. NextEra (Joanna Tourangeau, Esq.)	[20 min]
3. West Forks Group (Elizabeth Boepple, Esq.)	[20 min]
4. Appellees	[25 min]

VIII. BOARD VOTE ON HEARING REQUESTS

IX. BOARD DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO DECIDE APPEALS

The Board will deliberate the appeals during these meetings unless the Board grants a hearing on the appeals during Section VIII.