



November 19, 2018

Mr. James R. Beyer
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Resources Regulation
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, ME 04401

**RE: New England Clean Energy Connect Project
October 19, 2018 Submissions - Additional Information Request**

Dear Mr. Beyer:

This letter is in response to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (MDEP) November 5, 2018 additional information request, which was generated in response to Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) October 19, 2018 submission of application amendments and additional supplemental materials for the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) Project. The November 5 MDEP letter addresses the sufficiency of the information provided in the October 19, 2018 filing. For many of the items filed, MDEP has determined that the materials contain sufficient information to continue to process the applications. However, MDEP requests additional information relating to the historic and visual evaluations, and the proposed compensation parcels, as summarized below:

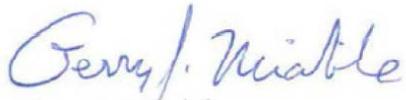
1. MHPC review comments and mitigation plan.
2. An evaluation of the size of the population of buckthorn on the Little Jimmy Tract, an evaluation of the impact this invasive plant has on functions and values of the parcel and the development of a plan to deal with these plants.
3. Leaf-off/snow photosimulations.
4. Information addressing potential impacts to recreational users of scenic resource areas, any of the other Outstanding River Segments, or other resources such as the Kennebec River below Wyman Dam, the Androscoggin River near the Androscoggin Riverlands State Park, or any of the great ponds.
5. An updated Summary of Scenic resources, which includes all the scenic resources which are potentially impacted by the project.

In the November 5 letter MDEP requests that CMP provide an anticipated filing date for the above additional information. The letter notes that once MDEP knows CMP's timeframe for submission of the additional information MDEP can begin the process of scheduling the public hearings.

CMP anticipates providing the materials noted above by December 7, 2018, and requests that MDEP continue the process of scheduling the public hearings, as stated in the November 5 letter.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please give me a call at (207) 629-9717 or email gerry.mirabile@cmpco.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry J. Mirabile".

Gerry J. Mirabile
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Enclosures

cc: MDEP Service List; LUPC Service List
File: New England Clean Energy Connect