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Via E-mail and First Class Mail

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

Mr. Bill Hinkel
Land Use Planning Commission
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
18 Elkins Lane
Augusta, ME 04330

Re: NECEC – Petition of Central Maine Power Company to Reopen Record

Messrs. Beyer and Hinkel:

In keeping with the joint letter by Presiding Officer Miller and Chairman/Presiding Officer Worcester, I write this letter on behalf of Group 7, Western Mountains & Rivers Corporation (“WM&RC”), in response to the September 18, 2019 Motion by Central Maine Power Company (“CMP”) to reopen the record in the pending proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP” or “Department”) and the Land Use Planning Commission (“LUPC”).

Given the recent acquisition by CMP of an easement to property located to the south of Beattie Pond, outside of the Beattie Pond P-RR subdistrict (the “Merrill Strip Alternative”), WM&RC supports a reopening of the record in these proceedings in order to consider the limited question of whether the Merrill Strip Alternative meets the LUPC’s land use standards and the Site Law and NRPA standards and would be preferable to the existing alignment of the Project through the Beattie Pond P-RR subdistrict.

One (1) original and two (2) copies of this letter have been sent to the DEP and LUPC, respectively, via overnight regular mail.

WM&RC thanks the Department and the Commission for its consideration. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin J. Smith".

Benjamin J. Smith, Esq.

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cc : Service List for LUPC and DEP (via email)

Enclosure