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Ms. Susanne Miller
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106 Hogan Road, Suite 6, 3rd Floor
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Re: *Central Maine Power Company New England Clean Energy Connect: Application for
Natural Resources Protection Act Permit and Site Location of Development Act Permits*

Dear Ms. Miller:

Pursuant to the joint letter issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Land Use Planning Commission on September 19, 2019 in the above-referenced matter, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) submits these comments in response to Central Maine Power Company's September 18, 2019 petition to reopen the record for the "purpose of accepting evidence relevant to an alternative to the existing [NECEC] Project route that avoids the Recreation Protection (PRR) subdistrict at Beattie Pond." Petition at 1. In order to ensure transparency and fairness in the DEP proceeding, CLF supports reopening the record so that all parties can understand the proposed changes and have an opportunity to comment on and/or submit evidence relevant to the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Phelps Turner

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