

**CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY  
RESPONSE TO ORAL DATA REQUEST NO. 3  
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- Q.** Referencing EX-01-09, please explain the differences between CMP and PSNH transmission planning standards (i.e., load study, type of contingencies run, maintenance standards, etc.).
- A.** CMP's Transmission Planning Criteria refer to the ISO New England (NEPOOL) and NPCC procedures without citing the specific documents. The PSNH (i.e., Northeast Utilities, which also includes Western Massachusetts Electric and Connecticut Light & Power) document includes some excerpts from those standards. Both CMP and PSNH are bound by and adhere to the same FERC, NERC, NPCC, and ISO-NE reliability standards. The CMP Transmission Planning Criteria apply mostly to the local non-bulk power system, not covered by the regional documents. Attached is a more detailed comparison of the NU and CMP standards.

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**Attachment(s):**

1. Comparison of NU and CMP Planning Criteria.doc