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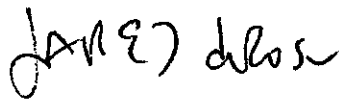
Karen Geraghty, Administrative Director
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RE: CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY and
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Request for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Maine Power
Reliability Program Consisting of the Construction of Approximately 350 miles of 345
kV and 115 kV Transmission Lines ("MPRP")
Docket No. 2008-255

Dear Karen:

Please find enclosed Petitioners Central Maine Power Company's and Public Service Company
of New Hampshire's Case Management Memo for filing with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: James Buckley, Esq.
Service List (by email)

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**CASE MANAGEMENT
MEMORANDUM**

Petitioners Central Maine Power Company ("CMP") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") submit this Memorandum to propose methods to make discovery more effective and efficient for the Commission and the numerous Intervenors. As Petitioners discuss in detail in their Petition, Maine's bulk power transmission system will need the significant transmission upgrades proposed in this proceeding by 2012 in order to ensure continued safe and reliable service and to satisfy the applicable NERC, NPCC and ISO-NE reliability standards. Because of the long lead times needed for permitting and construction of the MPRP project, this means that Petitioners must commence construction by mid-2009, which in turn means that this proceeding must be completed by then.

The case management schedule Petitioners have proposed with the agreement of the Office of Public Advocate ("OPA") achieves this goal and Petitioners believe this schedule is structured to ensure adequate time for the proper vetting of all of the issues necessary for the Commission's granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"). However, Petitioners are concerned that this schedule will not hold, particularly given the number of parties and recent experience in other CPCN proceedings. At the same time, Petitioners are mindful of the importance of the MPRP project to the State of Maine, the

appropriateness for the Commission to scrutinize this very large investment closely and the due process rights of all of the parties and so recognize that this proceeding cannot and should not be a rush to judgment.

To help ensure that each of these legitimate interests are protected within the time frame of the proposed schedule, Petitioners have given much thought to ways to enhance the discovery processes traditionally used in Commission proceedings in order to better facilitate the sharing of information and to assist the Staff and other parties come up speed on the need for and appropriateness of the MPRP project, as proposed by Petitioners. In particular, Petitioners believe that special measures should be implemented besides the traditional discovery process of data requests and technical conferences to (1) address abutter Intervenor local issues on a separate track from the resolution of the other issues in this proceeding and (2) facilitate the prompt understanding and analysis of the technical consultants of Staff, the OPA and the other parties. Petitioners' proposals in these regards follow.

I. Abutter Intervenor Local Issues

Petitioners propose to conduct a series of local technical conferences beginning in September to provide an early opportunity for the citizen abutter Intervenor to learn more about how the MPRP project will affect their properties and communities and to express their issues with the Project on the record early in the proceeding. Participants at these technical conferences will still have all of their rights under the Commission's procedural rules to submit evidence and otherwise participate in later Commission hearings. The locations for these technical conferences can correspond to the consolidated groups of abutter Intervenor across CMP's service territory; so for example, Petitioners will conduct a technical conference within Yarmouth for the group of concerned Yarmouth Intervenor and other Intervenor from the

Yarmouth, North Yarmouth and Cumberland areas. The technical conferences will be held in local facilities, such as Town Halls or school auditoriums, with sufficient capacity to accommodate the expected local attendance. Participation at the technical conferences will be limited to Intervenors, but other members of the public will be free to attend.

The format for these conferences will be as follows. At least five days in advance, Petitioners will distribute electronically an information package depicting how the project impacts the particular municipality or region, including local maps and cross sections. The conference itself will begin with a short oral presentation by CMP (and where appropriate PSNH) to provide an overview of MPRP and to explain why the particular path was selected and how the project affects the particular municipality or region. CMP (and where appropriate PSNH) will then answer questions from Intervenors concerning local issues for up to an hour. To make these conferences most productive, issues of general concern, such as the need for the project for reliability purposes, the overall project design and cost, the non-transmission alternatives (“NTAs”) that have been studied, the state of the science and regulation concerning electro-magnetic fields (“EMF”) and the cost and appropriateness of burying transmission lines, should be reserved for the technical conferences specifically assigned to address those subjects. At the conclusion of the question and answer period, the abutter Intervenors will be permitted to present their positions and issues with the project, subject to appropriate time limits for each Intervenor (e.g., 5-10 minutes) and the comment period overall (e.g., 2-3 hours). The entire proceeding will be recorded for purposes of maintaining a record.

II. Technical Issues

With respect to the technical issues of general concern for the project, Petitioners propose that the regular technical conference process be modified to include a series of more informal

meetings between Petitioners' technical experts and the appropriate consultants from Staff and the other parties, at which Petitioners' experts will be available to explain the analysis and modeling they have performed to support the MPRP project. Generally, these informal meetings could be structured along the lines of those in the recent Saco Bay transmission case in which CMP made its technical witnesses available to meet directly with Staff's technical consultant.

To make these informal technical meetings most useful, Petitioners propose the following process. The parties engage in data request discovery during August and September as set forth in the proposed schedule. The technical conferences scheduled for September 30, October 1 and October 7-10 will be structured so that a particular technical subject is addressed on a particular day. So, for example, particular conferences will be dedicated to (1) the Needs Assessment; (2) the Transmission Alternatives Assessment; (3) the NTA analysis; (4) the project design and cost estimate; and (5) the environmental study and impact of the project. Each conference will begin with a presentation by Petitioners' appropriate witness(es) to provide an overview and explanation of that particular technical issue. The witness(es) will then be available for follow-up questioning by Staff and all Intervenors. These technical conferences will be recorded and transcribed.

After these introductory technical conferences, informal meetings will be scheduled during October in advance of the deadline for Intervenor testimony and the Bench Analysis at CMP's offices or another mutually convenient location for the consultants of Staff and all parties to ask more detailed follow-up or technical questions, particularly as to the modeling and technical analysis of Petitioners' experts. Notice of these sessions will be provided to all parties, who are free to attend, provided attendees let Petitioners know of their attendance in advance.

These meetings will not be recorded, but Petitioners will take notes and prepare minutes for distribution to all parties.

Based on the experience in the Saco Bay proceeding, Petitioners contemplate that the consultants of Staff or the other parties may ask Petitioners' experts to manipulate their models with different assumptions or different scenarios. Subject to technical limitations and reasonable cost and time constraints and recognizing that many alternatives were already studied as part of the collaborative processes used to develop the Needs Assessment and Transmission Alternatives Assessment, Petitioners intend to be as forthcoming as possible to such requests, mindful that the models used to support the MPRP project, including in particular the load flow model and Prosym LMP market model, are enormously complex and require significant effort and time to adjust for sensitivity runs. In the event Petitioners do perform sensitivity runs at the request of a consultant of the Staff or another party, the precise modeling run parameters will be saved and distributed to all parties, subject to any applicable protective orders. Petitioners' performance of any such modeling runs will be contingent on agreement that Petitioners' performance does not waive any argument or constitute an admission by Petitioners of the appropriateness of such run.

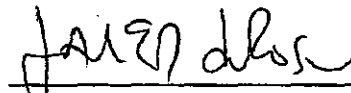
As necessary and appropriate, this informal meeting process could continue through the deadline for the submission of surrebuttal testimony and the updated Bench Analysis in February 2009.

CONCLUSION

Petitioners respectfully suggest that the Hearing Examiner promptly schedule a case management conference to finalize the schedule for this proceeding and the appropriate consolidation of the abutter Intervenors for the purposes of processing this proceeding and to

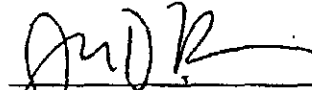
discuss and adopt Petitioners proposals for local technical conferences and informal technical meetings discussed above.

Respectfully Submitted,



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