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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 Ms. Geraghty:

This letter is written on behalf of ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO") and Petitioners Central Maine Power Company ("CMP") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire, in response to the procedural order issued on September 18, 2008 ("September 18 Procedural Order") in Docket No. 2008-255.

As requested by the Petitioners, the September 18 Procedural Order provides the witnesses for the Transmission Needs/Solutions as Rick Conant and Dave Conroy. The Petitioners and the ISO are now informing the Commission and other parties to this proceeding that Brent Oberlin, Supervisor of Northern New England Studies in Transmission Planning at the ISO, will also participate in this panel as a witness. As explained in more detail below, the ISO is responsible for regional transmission planning in New England, and Mr. Oberlin played an important role in evaluating the needs of the Maine transmission system. The addition of Mr. Oberlin to this panel will provide an efficient process that involves all the relevant witnesses.

Part of the ISO's core mission is to ensure that the electrical transmission system in New England is planned in a reliable manner. As described in Mr. Oberlin's affidavit, attached as Exhibit L to Petitioners' petition in this case, Attachment K to the ISO's Open-Access Transmission Tariff ("OATT") sets forth the ISO's responsibility for regional transmission planning. Specifically, Attachment K requires the ISO to undertake an assessment of the needs of the bulk power system. As part of that responsibility, the ISO, in coordination with the Participating Transmission Owners, conducts reliability assessments of the New England bulk

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power system (*i.e.*, “Needs Assessments”) and works with stakeholders to evaluate whether proposed transmission solutions meet the needs identified in the Needs Assessment.

Additionally, as the Regional Transmission Organization for New England, the ISO is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to conduct long-term system reliability planning for the New England region.

In carrying out its responsibilities for regional transmission system planning, the ISO commissioned a working group to assess the long-term needs of the Maine transmission system. The working group operated under the direction of Mr. Oberlin. As a result of the working group studies, and under the direction and supervision of Mr. Oberlin, RLC Engineering Inc. (“RLC”), Mr. Conant’s firm, prepared the Needs Assessment of the Maine transmission system. The ISO included an affidavit from Mr. Oberlin as Exhibit L to the Petitioners’ petition setting forth the ISO’s responsibilities in the transmission planning process. The affidavit also explains Mr. Oberlin’s role in carrying out those responsibilities with respect to the MPRP. In his affidavit, Mr. Oberlin testified that the conditions tested in the Needs Assessment are consistent with long-term planning efforts across New England.¹ The Needs Assessment is included as Attachment I-1 to the Petitioners’ petition and is expected to be a focus of the discussions at the Technical Conferences.

Mr. Oberlin also supervised and directed the preparation of the Transmission Alternatives Assessment. Mr. Oberlin testified that the proposed solution identified in the Transmission Alternatives Solution ensures that the Maine transmission system will remain in compliance with applicable North American Electric Corporation, Northeast Power Coordinating Council and the ISO planning standards.² The Transmission Alternatives Solution is included as Attachment I-2 to Petitioners’ petition and is also expected to be a focus of the discussions at the Technical Conferences.

¹ See page 4 of Oberlin Affidavit.

² See page 5 of Oberlin Affidavit.

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Given the ISO's responsibility for transmission planning in New England, and Mr. Oberlin's role in evaluating the needs of the Maine transmission system, the Petitioners and the ISO are informing the Commission and other parties that Mr. Oberlin will participate as a witness and be available for questions on the Technical Conference panel relating to Transmission Needs/Solutions.

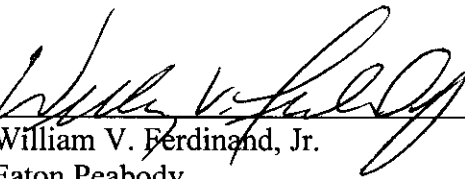
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