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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Karen Geraghty
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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:

Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 3132 and Chapter 330 of the Rules of the Maine Public Utilities Commission, Central Maine Power Company ("CMP") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") (collectively "Petitioners") hereby file their joint Petition for a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience to build approximately 350 miles of transmission lines and associated infrastructure. This project, referred to as the Maine Power Reliability Program ("MPRP"), is one of the largest transmission projects ever sought to be built in Maine. CMP will construct the majority of the project, approximately 342 miles, and PSNH will construct approximately eight (8) miles of the project to upgrade the interconnection between the CMP bulk power system and the rest of New England via PSNH's Newington Substation in Newington, NH. As described in detail in the Petition and supporting materials, the MPRP as proposed by Petitioners is the most economic and environmentally sound means of ensuring that the power grid in central and southern Maine remains reliable and meets federally mandated reliability standards.

The filing consists of thirteen volumes as follows:

<i>Volume I</i>	PETITION	
<i>Volume II</i>	CHAPTER 330 MATERIALS	
<i>Volume III</i>	EXHIBIT A	Maps
<i>Volume IV</i>	EXHIBIT B-1 EXHIBIT H-1	System Diagrams Map of Route Alternatives (Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)
<i>Volume V</i>	EXHIBIT B-2 EXHIBIT C EXHIBIT D-1 EXHIBIT D-2 EXHIBIT E-1 EXHIBIT E-2 EXHIBIT F EXHIBIT G EXHIBIT H-2 EXHIBIT H-3	Load Information Description of Type of Line Description of Proposed Corridors CMP Property Interests Project Cost Estimate Detail Probabilistic Estimate Framework and Development Project Costs to Date Description of System Changes Summary of Route Alternatives Route Alternative Matrix
<i>Volume VI</i>	EXHIBIT H-4	Stakeholder Involvement
<i>Volume VII</i>	EXHIBIT I-1	Needs Assessment (Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)
<i>Volume VIII</i>	EXHIBIT I-2	Transmission Alternatives Assessment (Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)
<i>Volume IX</i>	EXHIBIT I-3	Non-Transmission Alternatives Assessment (Contains Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)

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<i>Volume X</i>	EXHIBIT I-4	Lewiston Loop Studies & Information (Contains Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)
<i>Volume XI-A</i>	EXHIBIT J	Proposed Plan Application Analyses Final Report (Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)
<i>Volume XI-B</i>	EXHIBIT J	Proposed Plan Application Analyses - Appendices (Confidential: Critical Energy Infrastructure Information)
<i>Volume XII</i>	EXHIBIT K EXHIBIT L EXHIBIT M	ISO-NE Determination Letter ISO-NE Affidavit Qualifications of Witnesses

Exhibit M to the Petition, contained in Volume XII, identifies the witnesses supporting the Petition and includes their qualifications.

For the Commission's convenience, Petitioners hereby provide 6 copies of the complete non-public version of the filing. As indicated above, certain of the exhibits supporting the Petition contain "critical energy infrastructure information." Accordingly, Petitioners also enclose 2 copies of a public version of the filing, with the protected information redacted pursuant to the temporary Protective Orders issued in this docket. Also included is an electronic copy of the public version of the filing for posting on the Commission's Virtual Case File.

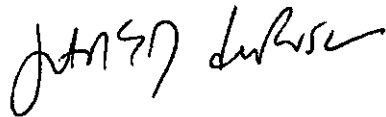
In accordance with 35-A M.R.S. § 3132(9), Petitioners have today caused the filing fee in the amount of \$541,720.00 to be paid to the Commission by electronics fund transfer. This amount reflects 4/100 of 1% of the estimated cost to erect, rebuild or relocate the transmission lines covered by the Petition.

In addition, in accordance with 35-A M.R.S. § 3132(2), Petitioners have also today sent a copy of the Petition by certified mail to the municipal officers of the municipalities in which the transmission lines covered by the Petition are to be located. The template for the municipality transmittal letter is enclosed. As discussed on June 10, 2008 with Hearing Examiner James Buckley, Petitioners did not provide copies of the voluminous exhibits to the municipalities but, as described in the enclosed transmittal letter, will provide the public version of the exhibits to

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the municipalities upon request. In addition, Petitioners are developing a secure, password-protected website for the purpose of posting the complete Petition and serving all of their subsequent filings in this proceeding. Petitioners will provide more information about this website at the initial case conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. des Rosiers". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Jared S. des Rosiers

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Enclosures