



March 16, 2021

Mr. James R. Beyer
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Land Resources Regulation
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

RE: New England Clean Energy Connect; Response to March 11, 2021 MDEP Letter; MDEP Project #L-27625-26-V-M/ L-27625-TB-W-M/ L-27625-2C-X-M/ L-27625-VP-Y-M/ L-27625-IW-Z-M, Minor Revision Application

Dear Mr. Beyer:

Central Maine Power Company ("CMP") and NECEC Transmission LLC ("NECEC LLC") are providing this response to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's (MDEP's) Minor Revision Application letter dated March 11, 2021. In its review of the Minor Revision Application (Rev1), the MDEP has identified two areas for which the MDEP believes the proposed Project changes are more appropriately categorized as minor amendments, as opposed to minor revisions. The two locations are as follows:

1. Moxie Gore, structures 432-543 through 432-547, and
2. Appleton Township, structures 432-739 through 432-744.

CMP and NECEC LLC hereby withdraw these two locations from the Rev1 application currently under review by MDEP. This change does not alter the conclusion of the Rev1 application in that the remaining proposed modifications reflect a significant decrease in environmental impact, will not result in an expansion or change the nature of the Project, and does not modify any MDEP findings with respect to any licensing criteria. Minor adjustments to Table 13-1 of the NRPA minor revision application are warranted due to this change; this Table is attached hereto.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please give me a call at (207) 242-1682 or email me at gerry.mirabile@cmpco.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry J. Mirabile".

Gerry J. Mirabile
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Enclosures

cc: Jay Clement, USACE
File: New England Clean Energy Connect

Table 13-1: Minor Revision Impact Change Summary Table – Updated 3/15/2021

Activity / Resource Type	MDEP Permit Approved Impacts	Minor Revision-Proposed Project Modifications	Δ DEP Permit to Minor Revision Proposed Modifications
Permanent Fill in Wetlands (WOSS ¹ & Non-WOSS)	4.121	3.616	↓ 0.505 acre
Temporary Wetland Fill	47.638	49.668	↑ 2.030 acres
Permanent Forested Wetland Conversion (WOSS ¹ and Non-WOSS)	105.252	63.380	↓ 41.872 acres
Permanent Fill in SVPH (wetlands and uplands)	1.462	0.309	↓ 1.153 acre
Permanent Conversion in SVPH (wetlands and uplands)	31.250	26.3912	↓ 4.859 acres
Direct Fill in USACE Jurisdictional Vernal Pools (Depression or 100' Envelope) ²	2.216	2.476	↑0.260 acre
Permanent Fill in IWWH (wetlands and uplands)	0.017	0.011	↓0.006 acre
Permanent Conversion in IWWH (wetlands and uplands)	15.009	9.461	↓5.548 acres

¹ Permanent wetland fill in SVPH and IWWH are excluded from this calculation and are calculated separately within their own respective categories.

² There is no change in the number of USACE jurisdictional vernal pools or their compensation values between the MDEP Permit and the permit revision, so they are omitted from this summary table, but they are still addressed in the revised Compensation Plan Exhibits 1-4 and 1-5.