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Memorandum

To: LUPC Commissioners
From: Bill Hinkel, Regional Supervisor
Date: September 30, 2019
Re: Central Maine Power Company's proposed New England Clean Energy Connect Project Update

At its meeting on September 11, 2019, the Commission held a deliberative session on the Site Law Certification for Central Maine Power Company's ("CMP") proposed New England Clean Energy Connect project ("proposed Project").

The deliberative session provided an opportunity for Commission members to review with staff and one another the testimony and written comments received regarding the Commission's role in certifying the proposed Project, discuss issues in dispute, discuss the evidence in evaluating the applicable review criteria, and consider, for a possible vote, the Draft Decision Document provided by staff on September 4, 2019.

After a lengthy discussion of the proposed Project and Draft Decision Document, the deliberative session was tabled, without a motion or vote, to be continued at a later date in the interest of reaching consensus and the five votes needed to take action.

On September 18, 2019, CMP submitted to both the Commission and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") a petition to reopen the record. This request was for the purpose of accepting evidence relevant to the Beattie Pond Recreation Protection ("P-RR") subdistrict. CMP now proposes an alternative corridor alignment to avoid the Beattie Pond P-RR subdistrict.

As of the date of this memo, a decision regarding CMP's petition has not been made. Staff will provide a brief update at the October 9 meeting. No action (deliberation or a vote) on the pending Site Law Certification is scheduled for October 9.