

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

and

**STATE OF MAINE
LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)	APPLICATION FOR SITE LOCATION OF
25 Municipalities, 13 Townships/Plantations,)	DEVELOPMENT ACT PERMIT AND
7 Counties)	NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION
)	ACT PERMIT FOR THE NEW ENGLAND
L-27625-26-A-N)	CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT
L-27625-TB-B-N)	
L-27625-2C-C-N)	
L-27625-VP-D-N)	
L-27625-IW-E-N)	
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CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)	
NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT)	
SITE LAW CERTIFICATION SLC-9)	

GROUPS 2 AND 10’S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING

Intervenor Group 2 and Intervenor Group 10 (collectively, “Groups 2 and 10”) by and through their attorneys, BCM Environmental & Land Law, PLLC, respectfully submit this Motion requesting that the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) and the Land Use Planning Commission (“LUPC”) schedule an additional public hearing time for testimony from additional necessary witnesses for Central Maine Power Company (“CMP”). In support of this Motion, Groups 2 and 10 state as follows:

1. On March 28, 2019, DEP issued a public hearing schedule (the “Schedule”) establishing the order of witness testimony for CMP’s New England Clean Energy Connect Project.

2. The Schedule lists hearings scheduled from April 1 to April 5, 2019.

3. Pursuant to the Schedule, CMP’s two witness panels (the “Panels”) testified as scheduled on Monday, April 1, 2019 and Tuesday, April 2, 2019, the first two days of the scheduled public hearings.

4. Throughout the cross-examination of both Panels, CMP’s witnesses, upon questioning regarding various changes to the design of the transmission line to mitigate the negative impacts to the scenic resources and environment, deferred questions to CMP engineers.

5. The current Schedule does not include time for testimony from CMP’s engineers¹, who can and should respond to the questions posed to the Panels and deferred to CMP’s engineers.

6. The cross-examiners and the public are entitled to have the questions posed answered by witnesses with knowledge, namely, the CMP engineers referred to by CMP’s own witnesses.

7. For this reason, Groups 2 and 10 respectfully request additional public hearing time be added to the Schedule to allow time for CMP’s engineers to respond to the questions posed to the CMP witnesses present on April 1, 2019 and April 2, 2019, that the Panels deferred to CMP’s engineers and did not directly answer.

¹ The Intervenor understand that an additional hearing day has been added to the Schedule to address CMP’s new witnesses and Rebuttal Testimony related to the newly disclosed underground alternative assessment, but it is not clear that the time allotted and witnesses scheduled would provide for the request covered by this Motion.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Intervenor Groups 2 and 10 respectfully request that the DEP and LUPC grant Intervenor Groups 2 and 10's Motion for Additional Public Hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Intervenor Group 2 and Intervenor Group 10
By their attorneys,



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