

November 2, 2018

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of CPCN for the
New England Clean Energy Connect
Consisting of the Construction of a 1,200
MW HVDC Transmission Line from the
Québec-Maine Border to Lewiston
(NECEC) and Related Network Upgrades

PROCEDURAL ORDER -
Revised Schedule

I. BACKGROUND

On September 24, 2018, the Examiners issued a Procedural Order that established a schedule for the remainder of this proceeding. That schedule called for hearings on October 19, 22, 30, 31, 2018, and November 1, 2018.

On October 21, 2018, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NextEra) filed a Motion to suspend the hearings scheduled on October 22, 30, 31, 2018, and November 1, 2018 (October 21st Motion).¹

By Procedural Order issued on October 26, 2018, the Examiners granted NextEra's October 21st Motion, suspended the hearings scheduled for October 30 and 31, 2018, and November 1, 2018, and scheduled a case conference in this proceeding for October 31, 2018.

A case conference was held on October 31, 2018, during which the parties discussed alternative procedural steps in this proceeding and corresponding dates for each of those procedural steps.

II. TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING OCTOBER 31ST CASE CONFERENCE

A. Additional Time for Parties to Review Later Rounds of CMP's Response to ODR-014-004

¹ NextEra's October 21st Motion was supported by Calpine Corporation, Vistra Energy Corporation, and Bucksport Generation LLC (Generator Intervenors); the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM); RENEW Northeast and the Maine Renewable Energy Association; ReEnergy Biomass Operations; Town of Caratunk; and Senator Thomas Saviello. NextEra's October 21st Motion was opposed by Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and the Industrial Energy Consumer Group (IECG).

During the October 31st case conference, NextEra, the Generator intervenors, and NRCM requested three weeks from the finalization of CMP's response to ODR-014-004 to complete their review of the response. CMP filed its 12th and final round of responses to ODR-014-004 on October 28, 2018.²

B. Parties' Concerns about Sufficiency of CMP's Response to ODR-014-004

NextEra, the Generator Intervenor, and NRCM raised three issues about the documents in the earlier rounds of CMP's response to ODR-014-004 that they have reviewed thus far. First, NextEra, the Generator Intervenor, and NRCM stated that some of the documents included in CMP's response to ODR-014-004 should have been included in CMP's responses to earlier data requests. Second, these same parties expressed concern that several documents in the earlier rounds of CMP's response are marked as "confidential" appear to not have any confidential content. Finally, the Generator Intervenor stated a concern that some documents appear to be missing from the response. The Generator Intervenor noted that there are references in the documents that were provided by CMP in the earlier rounds to documents that appear not to have been provided in those same rounds. The Generator Intervenor acknowledged that these potentially missing documents may be provided in subsequent rounds that they have not yet been able to review.

In response to these concerns, CMP requested the NextEra, the Generator Intervenor, and NRCM to notify CMP about the specific documents in question and CMP would attempt to resolve the stated concern.

The Examiners request any party that has a concern about the sufficiency of CMP's response to ODR-014-004 to bring that concern to CMP's attention (1) as soon as reasonably possible and (2) on a rolling basis. The Examiners request CMP to attempt resolve any such concerns brought to its attention on a rolling basis. If the parties are unable to resolve their concerns regarding the sufficiency of CMP's response to ODR-014-004 by November 21, 2018, they should so notify the Examiners and the Examiners will schedule a discovery conference to dispose of any unresolved issues relating to the sufficiency of ODR-014-004. The Examiners expect that all such concerns will be resolved before the technical conference that will be held on November 28, 2018.

C. ODR-014-004 Issues

During the October 31st case conference, the parties agreed that the additional technical conferences and supplemental testimony should be strictly limited to issues

² CMP distributed its first round of responses to ODR-014-004 on September 12, 2018. CMP submitted subsequent rounds of responses to the ODR on September 17, 2018, September 26, 2018, September 27, 2018, October 6, 2018, October 11, 2018, October 18, 2018, October 19, 2018, October 24, 2018, October 25, 2018, and October 26, 2018.

raised by CMP's response to ODR-014-004. During the case conference, the parties identified the following issues that have arisen in their review of the earlier rounds of CMP's response to ODR-014-004 (ODR-014-004 Issues):

- Assumptions for the MOPR calculation;
- Diversion of energy by Hydro Quebec from other export markets;
- Assumptions for the calculation of environmental benefits;
- Quantity of capacity from Hydro Quebec assumed in calculation of capacity market benefits;
- Engineering issues relating to DC line;
- Reliability issues; and
- Location of DC converter.

If any party identifies an additional issue during its review of the remaining rounds of CMP's response to ODR-014-004 that should be included in the above list, that party should so indicate in a letter filed on or before November 21, 2018.

D. Settlement Discussions

During the October 31st case conference, CMP noted that it has been engaging in bilateral negotiations with several parties. CMP stated that it supported the scheduling of a conference during which the negotiating parties could provide a status report on their settlement discussion to the non-negotiating parties and Staff. The OPA noted that there are many parties involved in settlement discussions and stated that it is premature to schedule a settlement at this time.

The schedule listed below does not include a settlement conference date. CMP, the OPA, or any other party may request that a settlement conference be scheduled.

III. REVISED SCHEDULE

Based on the discussion which took place during the October 31st case conference, the Examiners adopt the following revised schedule for the remainder of this proceeding.

Technical Conferences on ODR-014-004 Issues	November 28 and 30, 2018
Supplemental Testimony on ODR-014-004 Issues	December 10, 2018
Technical Conference on Supplemental Testimony	December 18 and 19, 2018
Pre-hearing Conference	January 3, 2019
Hearings	January 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2019
Briefs	January 25, 2019

Reply Briefs	February 1, 2019
Examiners' Report	February 22, 2019
Exceptions	March 1, 2019

The following list identifies the start time for the conferences and hearings that are included in the above schedule.

Technical Conference	November 28, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Technical Conference	November 30, 2018	1:00 p.m.
Technical Conference	December 18, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Technical Conference	December 19, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Pre-hearing Conference	January 3, 2019	1:30 p.m.
Hearing	January 8, 2019	11:00 a.m.
Hearing	January 9, 2019	9:00 a.m.
Hearing	January 10, 2019	9:00 a.m.
Hearing	January 11, 2019	9:00 a.m.

All of the above-listed conferences and hearings will be held in the Commission's Worster Room, 101 Second Street, Hallowell, Maine. The Commission Telebridge number for the conferences and hearings is 1-877-455-0244 followed by 2072871573#.

III. WITNESS ORDER

The following order of witnesses generally follows the witness order that had been established for the hearings that were initially scheduled for October 30, 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018.

During the October 31st case conference, NextEra requested that the CMP engineering panel of Chris Malone, Scott Hodgdon, and Justin Tribbet be made available for further cross-examination. CMP did not object. The CMP engineering panel has been included in the witness order listed below.

January 8, 2019	Generator Intervenor witnesses Bodell and Speyer
January 9, 2019	CMP witnesses Dickinson, Escudero, and Stinneford

January 10, 2019 CMP Daymark panel, CMP engineering panel

January 11, 2019 NextEra witnesses Russo and Stoddard

Any witness/panel that (1) files supplemental testimony on ODR-014-004 Issues and (2) is not on the above witness list, will be added to the list.

IV. UPDATED PRE-HEARING MEMOS

By Procedural Order dated September 24, 2018, parties wishing to cross-examine witnesses during the hearings that were then scheduled for October 19, 22, 30, 31, 2018 and November 1, 2018, were directed to file pre-hearing memos. Pre-hearing memos were filed the Town of Caratunk, NextEra, the OPA, the IECG, Dot Kelly, NRCM, Western Mountains & Rivers Corporation, CLF, the Generator Intervenors, and CMP.

The Examiners request the parties that filed pre-hearing memos to file updated memos to reflect any changed time estimates and/or additional data responses/exhibits they now wish to have included in the evidentiary record in this proceeding. Updated pre-hearing memos are due on January 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Objections to proposed data responses/exhibits should be raised at the January 3, 2019 pre-hearing conference. The Hearing Examiners will rule on such objections at the pre-hearing conference.

V. PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

A pre-hearing conference in this docket will be held on January 3, 2019. The January 3rd pre-hearing conference will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be held in the Commission's Worster Room, 101 Second Street, Hallowell, Maine. Persons wishing to participate in the January 3rd conference telephonically may do so via the Commission's Telebridge by dialing 1-877-455-0244 and then entering 2072871573#.

Dated at Hallowell, Maine, this 2nd day of November, 2018.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINERS

/s/ Chris Simpson

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/s/ Mitchell Tannenbaum

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