



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert E. Macdonald
Mayor

July 21, 2017

RE: Massachusetts 83D RFP Evaluation

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Lewiston has a long and very positive working relationship with Maine's largest utility, Central Maine Power. We consider CMP to be an excellent business partner and service provider. Our city is fortunate to have worked very closely with CMP during its recent reliability expansion project – the Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) – and, throughout the development process, we were extremely pleased to see CMP respectfully negotiate with Lewiston residents and design solutions to mitigate any issues or concerns.

Not only is Central Maine Power a strong leader in the state of Maine, it is part of a global organization with solid financial backing. When they decide to do something, our experience has been that they do it well. CMP has embraced modernization and innovation and is ready to respond to the call for a cleaner energy future for the region. It is in this spirit that Central Maine Power has developed two proposals – New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) and Maine Clean Power Connection (MCPC) – in response to the Clean Energy RFP. The City of Lewiston is in full support of these proposals.

Lewiston would be impacted should either proposal be selected; in fact, CMP would build a new converter station in the vicinity of a major existing substation in Lewiston. Because we have experience in working through a complicated development process with CMP, we can comfortably say that Lewiston will work closely with them in order to ensure our zoning and land development code works for the proposed projects.

Our city is growing, and we, too, have embraced innovation and a changing economy. When it comes to economic development, Lewiston is proud of our open door policy and recognizes that our residents and businesses are benefitting from this activity. We are hopeful that CMP is successful in this competitive bid process, and we give the company high marks when it comes to delivering on their promises.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. McDonald
Mayor

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The voice of Maine business

July 21, 2017

Massachusetts 83D
RFP Evaluation Team

To the Selection Committee:

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce is the voice of Maine business and has been intimately involved in energy policy for decades. Our organization recognizes the new competitive marketplace that now exists for the generation and delivery of energy. This added layer of competition should benefit business and residential customers, now that our nation is moving forward with the development of a reliable, clean energy supply.

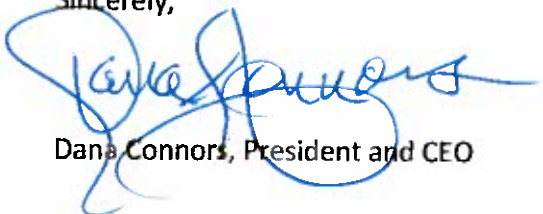
Central Maine Power, Maine's largest energy delivery company serves more than 600,000 customers over 11,000 square miles. They invest regularly in a stronger, smarter grid, which means their customers enjoy a high level of service, and their commitment to providing safe, reliability power is well known. When CMP developed their largest project ever – Maine Power Reliability Project – they did so in such a way that the public, the regulatory agencies, the legislature, and the host communities were all very satisfied. CMP has earned the high regard of their customers. They know how to permit and develop projects on time, under budget and with public support.

The Maine Clean Power Connection represents the culmination of multiple efforts to appropriately site wind in western Maine. This time, the developers have found sites tucked up against the border with Quebec, and paired them with the new corridor CMP has acquired, making for a winning project. I am pleased to see that MCPC contains multiple options, to enable your committee to choose the combination – wind, solar, storage or all – which best suits your needs. This appears to be a highly competitive response to your RFP and I urge you to give it every favorable consideration.

There is no question the region needs additional clean energy, and in large quantity. We salute Massachusetts for your leading role in the transition to a cleaner future for the region, and hope all the other states will follow. A project like MCPC is so advantageous from a cost perspective that it benefits not only electric utility customers in the Commonwealth but throughout the region, while also giving all of us cleaner air. That is a win for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to evaluate this outstanding proposal.

Sincerely,



Dana Connors, President and CEO



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July 21, 2017

Massachusetts 83D
RFP Evaluation Committee

Dear Committee Members:

The Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council has had the pleasure of meeting with representatives from Central Maine Power as they prepare to submit two proposals to provide significant clean energy to Massachusetts. From our perspective, the proposals are both very sound, and appear tailored to the requirements of your RFP. Our organization, which is focused on business attraction and overall growth to our area of Maine, strongly supports this type of economic development for a number of reasons.

First, our area of the state is growing and we support innovation. Clean energy is a product that Maine can proudly deliver to the entire region. Central Maine Power has evolved over the years and has adapted very well to a changing energy world. They are indeed an innovative company, and can be considered a leader in their industry.

Second, Lewiston/Auburn is already an energy hub for Maine and the entire New England region, with many hydroelectric facilities. We look forward to any expansion of this essential clean energy product and are enthusiastic about this type of investment in our community.

Finally, the projects they are proposing – both New England Clean Energy Connect and Maine Clean Power Connection – are very well sited. The path from Lewiston to the Canadian border is an excellent route as it utilizes existing commercial forest land and a well-established transmission corridor. This corridor already knows Central Maine Power to be a very good neighbor, who always takes into consideration landowner concerns and environmental integrity. Given the path for these two proposals, it appears they are a strong alternative to the projects that have long been reviewed in the media.

Our organization is very complimentary of CMP's efforts and we hope that they are among the organizations you select.

Regards,

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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Massachusetts 83D
RFP Evaluation Committee

RE: Maine Clean Power Connection (MCPC)

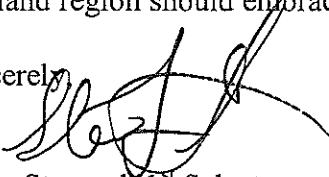
To Whom It May Concern:

Bingham, Maine is a small rural town in Somerset County which supports local economic development opportunities as well as clean energy for the entire region. Bingham is fortunate to be home to a large wind energy project which has given a major boost to our local economy. We are also next door to the largest hydro project in Maine — Wyman Dam. We have a front row seat on the expansion of renewable energy in New England, and we like what we see.

When my colleagues and I learned about Central Maine Power's proposal to provide a pathway to transmit a significant amount of wind energy from our region to reach the demand centers in New England, we were supportive of the project. We have the wind resources right here and a transmission line to get the clean energy to the market makes sense to us.

Even though CMP's proposal to build MCPC does not run directly through our town, we will do what we can to support it. We believe that renewable energy is something that the entire New England region should embrace and our rural town is anxious to see this project become a reality.

Sincerely,



Steve Steward, 1st Selectman

On behalf of the Bingham Board of Selectmen: Steve Steward Juliana Richard Gloria Jean Shaw

Town of Moscow
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RE: Maine Clean Power Connection (MCPC)


Dear Massachusetts 83D RFP Evaluation Team:

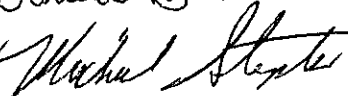
The Selectmen in Moscow, Maine write to you today in support of the proposed Maine Clean Power Connection, being proposed by Central Maine Power. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to host a transmission project that will provide an excellent solution to Massachusetts as you select a project capable of delivering a significant amount of clean wind power to your state.

We already have a corridor to our west which runs through Moscow. It moves our commercial forest industry's product and thousands of visitors to our region in both directions, so it seems a good thing to expand that to electricity! Moscow stands to gain if you choose this project, as does Massachusetts! We are enthusiastic about the local construction jobs, the tax revenue a project like this will bring to our town and we are certain the environmental impacts of this proposal are much less than any other alternative. It is not every day that large, economic development opportunities come to this region of Maine, so this project gets our attention and support.

If this MCPC proposal moves forward, local contractors and suppliers will be eager to get to work on the development of this line, and the related wind energy generation. We will be involved when it comes to public involvement in the permitting phase. Maine's ready to host a project like this one. I think you will see a lot of vocal support for the project. We have the chance to export clean, renewable power, and we believe this is the right move for everyone.

Sincerely,

Donald Beane 

Michael Staples 

Elvin Hawes 

Moscow Board of Selectmen




Associated General Contractors of Maine

agcmaine.org

TO: Massachusetts Clean Energy Selection Committee
FROM: Matt Marks, CEO
RE: Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP
DATE: July 21, 2017

Associated General Contractor (AGC) is a trade association dedicated to ensuring a sound and healthy construction industry and providing the public with an assurance of the skill, responsibility and integrity of AGC-member firms. AGC Maine works for Maine's construction companies by providing leadership and resources on a wide variety of issues, including site work development, safety and health, and environmental policy.

AGC Maine is pleased to support the proposed projects: New England Clean Energy Connect and Maine Clean Power Connection (MCPC). We have a long history of providing services, through a number of our members, to Central Maine Power (CMP) and know them to be an experienced, reputable, and highly professional company that holds excellence and safety as priorities. When CMP develops major projects, as they did with the recent Maine Power Reliability Project (MPRP), they do so on time and on budget, which appears to be of utmost importance in this competitive process. Given that the projects will create more than 1,000 jobs per year for five years, our organization is eager to assist during construction if either of Central Maine Power's proposed projects is selected to provide clean energy to Massachusetts.

Maine has the capability to move clean, renewable power from its northern region and Canada to the New England markets, and AGC Maine has the desire to support and actively participate in providing a cost-effective and environmentally-sound solution to the requirements that Massachusetts has set forth in its Request for Proposals. We have studied the other proposals and it appears that CMP's projects provide an excellent solution – with shorter routes, over existing rights-of-way, through communities that are supportive, and avoiding many sensitive environmental areas. Should a CMP project be selected, there is no doubt that it can be built to the highest level of quality in the timeframe required to meet the in-service date.

Sincerely,



Matt Marks, CEO

ABOUT ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF MAINE

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July 21, 2017

Dear Massachusetts RFP Selection Committee:

Reed & Reed, one of northern New England's premier heavy EPC contractors has significant experience building this region's wind energy projects. We are following the clean energy process and recognize that this is a competitive bid with many proposals being submitted. I write to you to offer our support for Central Maine Power's proposal - Maine Clean Power Connection (MCPC).

Maine has an excellent wind resource and it should be developed in order to meet the growing demand for cleaner, renewable energy. Our region of the country must move in the direction of tapping indigenous power for many reasons, including the fact that older fossil fuel generation plants will be retiring in the next decade.

Maine is a leader when it comes to exporting a number of valuable products. Our wind resource can answer many needs and it must be made available and accessible for use throughout the New England region. Reed & Reed recognizes that in order for this wind energy to be tapped, there must be new transmission infrastructure built. The path that CMP has put together to bring this wind energy to the market has advantages over other similar projects. It follows along a route that is part of Maine's industrial forest – long home to business and development. It then connects into an existing transmission corridor, which is an efficient use of land and will result in a lower cost option, when considering the competitive projects.

Our company has worked with CMP on a number of their transmission and substation construction projects and they have an excellent track record. With their recent major project, MPRP, they were able to complete this project in the timeframe promised to Maine, without any budget overruns. They are proud of their reputation for providing superior customer service as well as safe, reliable power.

I am confident that CMP, with their MCPC proposal, will do an excellent job meeting the requirements Massachusetts has outlined, if they are selected.

Sincerely,

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Jackson A. Parker,

President & CEO