



**CENTRAL MAINE
POWER**



**NEW ENGLAND
CLEAN ENERGY
CONNECT**

THE PROJECT

The New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) is a proposed transmission line capable of delivering up to 1,200 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy from Québec to New England. Central Maine Power Company owns or controls all of the property and facilities for the portion of the project in Maine, including roughly 145 miles of new high voltage, direct current (HVDC) transmission line from the Maine/Québec border to a DC/AC converter station in Lewiston, and numerous smaller transmission and substation improvements at various sites within existing CMP facilities.

New England Clean Energy Connect is proposed in response to a Request for Proposals by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for long-term, clean energy contracts, which include hydropower and other clean energy generation, to achieve a more cost-effective, low-carbon energy future for the region.

BENEFITS

The New England Clean Energy Connect will benefit Maine in multiple ways, including providing average annual wholesale energy cost savings of over \$40 million per year for twenty years. The Maine communities that host the project will experience over \$18 million in increased property tax revenues annually, and will benefit from the creation of nearly 1,700 direct and indirect new jobs each year during the 6-year period for permitting and construction of the project. The entire Maine economy will experience these benefits, all at no cost to Maine utility customers.

NECEC ADVANTAGE

The NECEC leverages recent transmission investments to deliver cost-effective renewable energy from two experienced, trusted energy companies. Clean energy shouldn't come at a high price to the environment, or a high price to consumers. Through careful siting and collaboration with stakeholders, the New England Clean Energy Connect has succeeded in developing a project that meets the needs of clean energy customers in Massachusetts, while providing significant savings for electric ratepayers throughout New England. This is a valuable partnership with the entire region.



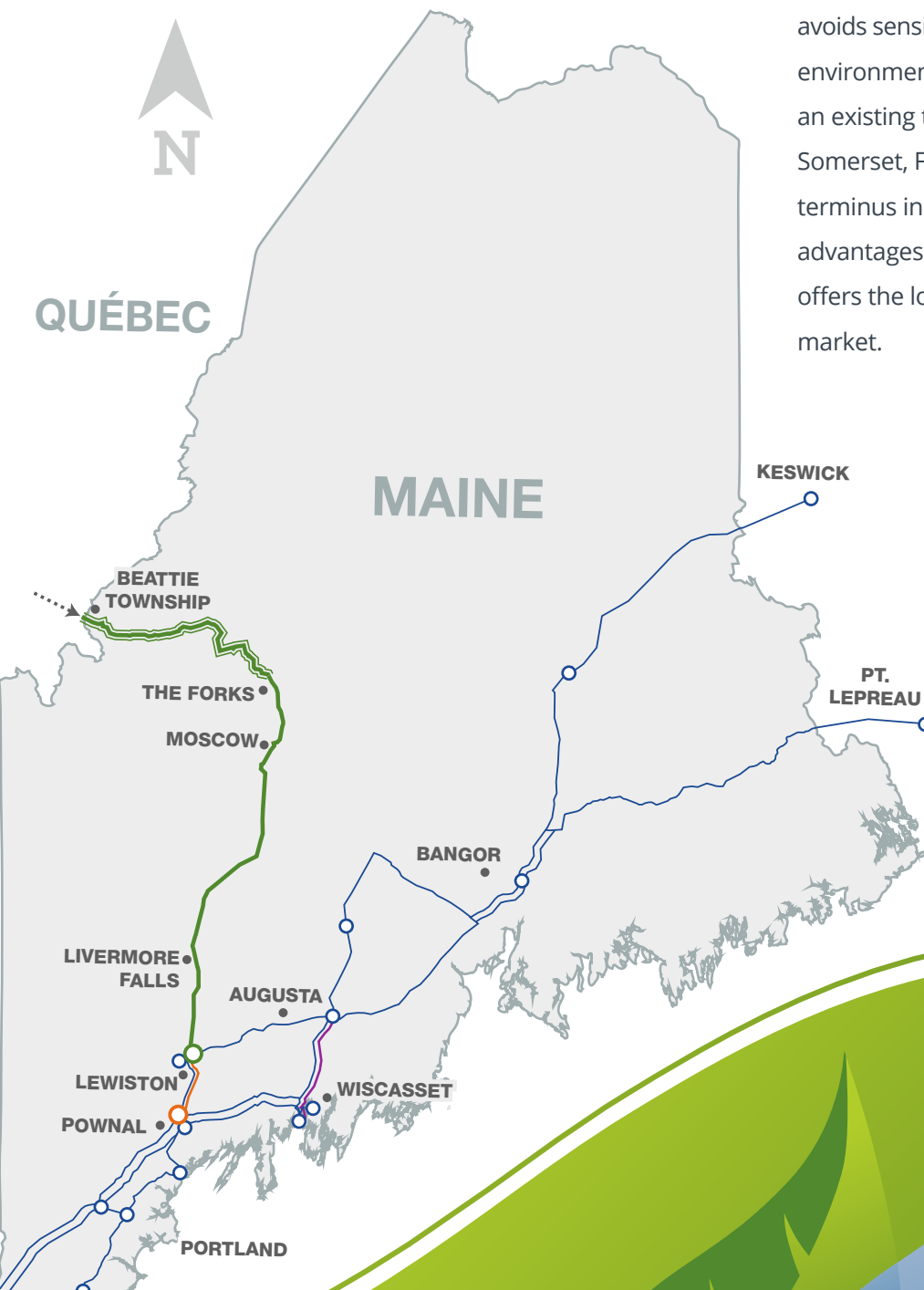


MAP LEGEND

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| NEW DC LINK IN EXISTING CORRIDOR | NEW CMP UTILITY CORRIDOR |
| NEW 345 kV LINE | EXISTING 345 kV SYSTEM |
| REBUILD SECTIONS | EXISTING SUBSTATION |
| PROPOSED SUBSTATION | NEW DC CONVERTER STATION |

LOCATION

The NECEC project is the shortest of all identified paths from Québec, and takes advantage of an existing transmission corridor for more than half its length. The proposed transmission line starts in western Somerset County on the Canadian border, runs through working forest land for 51 miles to the town of The Forks where it connects with an existing utility corridor. The route largely avoids sensitive environmental and scenic areas, minimizing environmental impacts. The remaining 94 miles parallels an existing transmission line through rural communities in Somerset, Franklin, and Androscoggin counties to a terminus in the City of Lewiston. Given the comparative advantages of length and favorable siting, the NECEC offers the lowest cost path to the New England energy market.



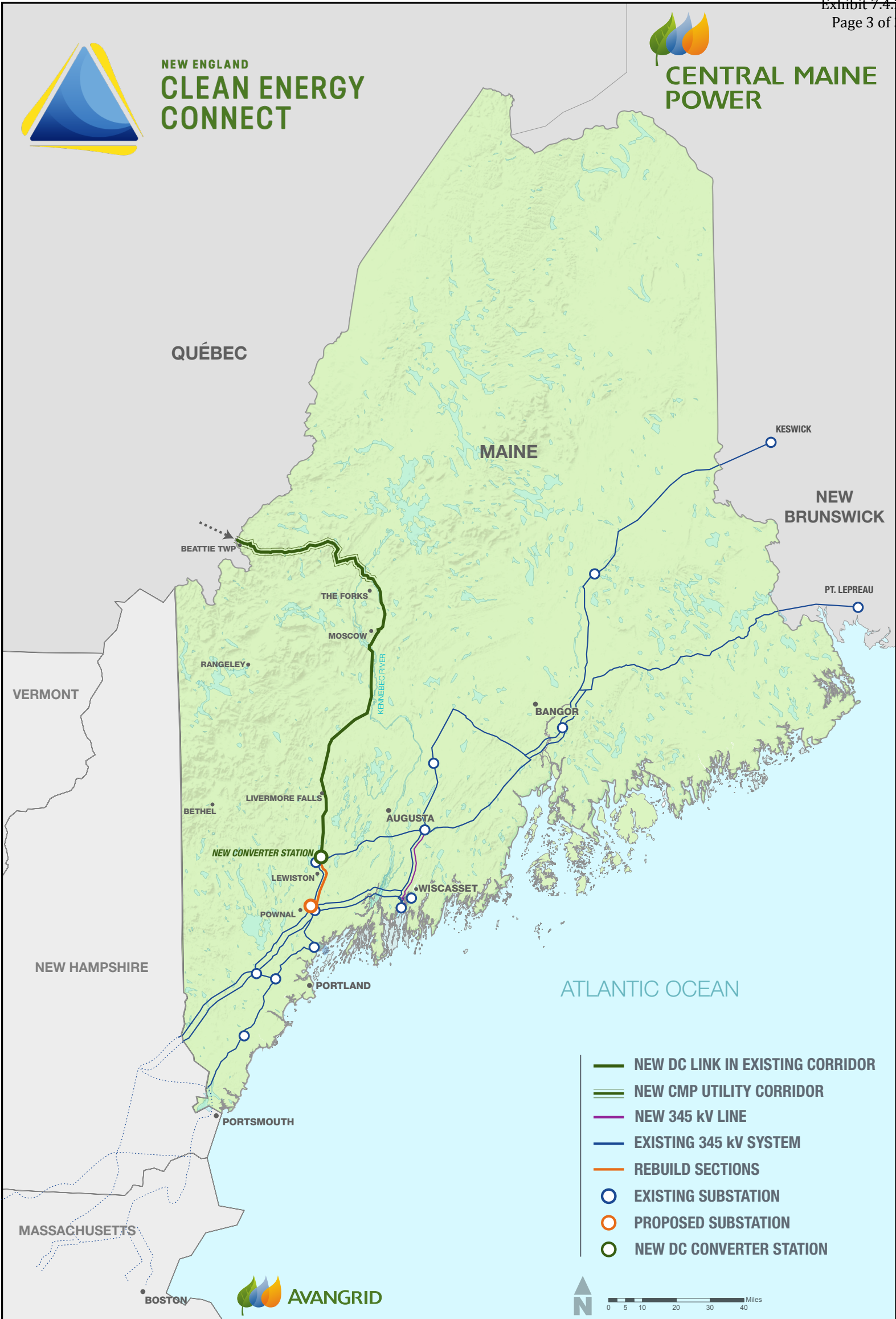
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