

January 27, 2016

Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s) Reviewing Clean Energy Proposals:

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of NextEra Energy's bid to provide clean energy and transmission to the Procuring States of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island as part of the New England Clean Energy RFP.

Currently New England is facing a host of significant challenges related to the reliable and affordable supply of electricity. These problems have been building over many years and the impacts are hitting customers now. Electric power prices in Maine and New England are some of the highest in the country. In short, many of the older power generating units in New England are retiring which is reducing the amount of available in-region power generation. Further, many of the new power generators are unable to get adequate fuel supplies to run on the coldest days. And finally, New England's ambitious Renewable Portfolio Standards goals are requiring that any new power generation capacity is clean.

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce is pleased to submit this letter in support of the NextEra Energy clean energy and transmission bid. If the Evaluation Team has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dana Connors

President