



July 20, 2017

Dear Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP Evaluation Team,

The Maine Renewable Energy Association (“MREA”) is please to submit this letter of support regarding the bid of NextEra Energy Inc.’s Dawn Land Solar, Farmington Solar, Kennebec Solar, and Lone Pine Solar projects.

With the continued reduction in solar panel pricing, as well as the power it produces, now is an ideal time for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to capitalize on these historically low prices. New England faces many challenges in the coming years with generator retirements, as well as bulk power system constraints. The four solar projects mentioned above will provide the Commonwealth, and the region as a whole, with the ability to lock in very competitive prices, while also continuing the region’s move toward a cleaner and more energy independent future.

Listed below are just some of the benefits of NextEra Energy’s proposed projects will provide:

Economic Benefits

- Lowers energy costs regionally by bringing more affordable energy on to the grid;
- Increase in needs of goods and services, such as food, fuel, lodging, construction work, and contract opportunities;
- Creates jobs and opportunities to learn trades for the fastest growing energy resource;
- Generates sales, income, and annual property tax revenues during the life of the project; and
- Expands and enhances access to broadband in rural Maine.

Environmental Benefits

- Lowers carbon emissions across the region;
- Enables New England states to achieve clean energy goals by delivering clean, renewable energy to the grid;

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- Maintains recreational opportunities with surrounding land use typically remaining open to hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and other outdoor activities; and
- Fits into the existing landscape and utilizing lands managed for timber.

The MREA is pleased to submit this letter of support of NextEra Energy's clean energy bid. If the Evaluation Team has any questions, please feel free to contact me at (207)626-0730, or jpayne@renewablemaine.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Payne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy N. Payne
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