



**MAINE POWER  
RELIABILITY PROGRAM**

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Mr. David Cichowski, Code Enforcement Officer  
City of Gardiner  
6 Church Street  
Gardiner, Maine 04345

RE: CMP – Maine Power Reliability Program Permit Determination for City of Gardiner

Dear Dave:

As a follow up to our discussion last winter regarding CMP's Maine Power Reliability Program transmission line upgrade project, and how the program will involve the City of Gardiner, I provided the attached project description of which to-date there are no changes. In an email dated March 4, 2010, you indicated no permits would be required from the City of Gardiner based on this description.

In an effort to establish official documentation of these findings, please sign this letter in the place provided. Should there be any change to the project as proposed for the City of Gardiner, I or someone from the local permitting team will contact you.

Sincerely,

John Titus  
Environmental Specialist  
TRC Engineers, LLC

**Acknowledgement:**

I acknowledge that I have read this letter and the information it contains is correct.

Signature: David Cichowski  
Code Enforcement Officer  
City of Gardiner

6-15-10

Date

## **Maine Power Reliability Program General Project Description**

The Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) is a Central Maine Power Company (CMP) program to upgrade Maine's bulk power system. The vast majority of Maine's bulk power transmission system was placed into service in the early 1970s and is now reaching the limits of its ability to meet the growing electrical demand of Maine customers. Since the last major transmission infrastructure was completed more than 30 years ago, the patterns of both available generation and customer load have shifted significantly. For example, population has become more concentrated in the southern part of the state, while the generation needed to serve that load is now more distant and dispersed. When these changes are combined with increasing peak demand, the current transmission infrastructure in Maine will, in very few years, become inadequate and unsafe. In addition, the reliability and security standards mandated by law and administered by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC), and ISO New England (ISO-NE) have changed significantly in recent years. CMP must upgrade its bulk power system with this proposed project to meet the mandatory standards and to provide reliable electric service to Maine customers into the future. In all, MPRP will encompass nearly 80 Maine towns, and will require approvals from the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and numerous municipalities.

### **Project Description in the City of Gardiner**

The part of the MPRP program in the City of Gardiner involves use of an access way within an existing CMP corridor that contains transmission line Sections 41 and 7 (34.5 kV). The access point onto the corridor is through a CMP-owned gate off from Valley Road in West Gardiner. The access way crosses into the Gardiner city limits near structure # 41-48 and extends for approximately 450 feet southward to a point near structure # 7-2. From there the access way shifts back to the West Gardiner side of the corridor. The municipal boundary forms the easterly line of the corridor beginning at this location.

The access way is needed to facilitate the demolition of transmission line Section 41 in West Gardiner, which will no longer be needed once upgrades to nearby transmission line corridors in Farmingdale, West Gardiner, and Litchfield are complete. The demolition will begin at the point where Section 41 corridor heads west from the Gardiner-West Gardiner town line (structure # 41-54).



MPRP – Access to Section 41 (West Gardiner/Gardiner)