

**TOWN OF MORRILL, MAINE
PLANNING BOARD**

**DECISION REGARDING
CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE WORK**

Procedural Background

By letter dated May 22, 2009, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) submitted a shoreland zoning permit application for the portion of the proposed Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) located in Morrill, which involves the following work:

- Installing a new 115 kV transmission line (Section 254) on wooden H-frame structures, typically 75-feet above ground. The new line will be placed on the northwest side of the existing right-of-way, adjacent to the existing 345 kV transmission line.
- Clearing in some portions of the existing right-of-way.

The project is further described in the application package dated May 2009.

The Town of Morrill Planning Board considered the application at two meetings. The first was held on June 24, 2009 and included a public hearing. The second meeting was held on July 7, 2009. Public notice of the public hearing was mailed to abutters and published in the Bangor Daily News. Representatives of CMP presented the application and answered questions from members of the Planning Board at first meeting and at the public hearing held that same evening.

Findings of Fact

The Planning Board adopts as findings the factual information contained in the application and its accompanying materials and related submissions.

Conclusions of Law

The Planning Board adopts the conclusions contained in the application and its accompanying materials with respect to the land use standards and the approval standards.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, CMP's application is APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

1. This permit shall not take effect until CMP has obtained the following state and federal permits required for this project: Maine PUC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Maine DEP Site Location of Development Law, Maine DEP Natural Resources Protection Act, and Army Corps of Engineers § 404 Clean Water Act. CMP shall promptly

submit copies of such permits to the Town, and the date of such submission shall be considered this permit's effective date and the "date of the permit" as that term is used in Section 16(F) of the Ordinance.

2. If no substantial start on construction is made within one year of the date of this permit, the permit shall expire. Due to the nature and scope of the MPRP project, the Board recognizes that a one-year timeline to begin construction of that portion of the MPRP in the Town of Morrill may not be achievable. Therefore, the Board orders that, to expedite review, if no substantial start has been made within the first year after the effective date of this permit, this permit shall be extended for one additional year, provided that CMP submits a letter to the Planning Board at least 30 days prior to the initial expiration of this permit certifying that all information contained in its application and presented to the Board is still materially correct and complete.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal by filing a written notice of appeal to the Board of Appeals within 30 days of the date of the Planning Board's decision.

All concurring.

DATED: August 7th 2009

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Chair

Ann W. P.

Susan N. Greeley

