

**TOWN OF ORRINGTON, MAINE
PLANNING BOARD**

**NOTICE OF DECISION REGARDING
SITE PLAN REVIEW AND SHORELAND ZONING APPLICATION FOR
MAINE POWER RELIABILITY PROGRAM**

Procedural Background

Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and Bangor Hydro Electric Company (Bangor Hydro) have submitted a site plan review and shoreland zoning application for the portion of the proposed Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) located in Orrington, as described in an application package filed on March 30, 2010 and updated on May 5, 2010. This project includes two new transmission lines within and immediately adjacent to an existing transmission corridor that is cooperatively owned by CMP and Bangor Hydro. Improvements within the existing fence line of the Orrington substation will also be made to accommodate the new lines, and landscaping improvements will be made along Fields Pond Road at the substation site. CMP will implement the transmission line construction, and Bangor Hydro will implement the substation construction.

The Town of Orrington Planning Board considered the application at a public hearing and public meeting on May 20, 2010. The Planning Board sent advance written notice of the meeting to all direct abutters of the project, published a notice of the public hearing in the Bangor Daily News, and advertised the public hearing at public locations within the Town of Orrington. Representatives of CMP presented the application and answered questions from members of the Planning Board and the public.

Findings of Fact

The Planning Board finds the application to be complete and adopts as findings the factual information contained in the application including the applicants' 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 all applicable shoreland zoning and site plan review submission requirements and approval standards.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the site plan review and shoreland zoning application is APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

1. This approval 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, when all have been received. The date of such submission shall be considered the date upon which the one (1) year period to commence construction begins to run, as provided in Article 6(4)(E) of the Orrington Land Use Ordinance.
2. 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 Orrington may not be achievable. Therefore, and for ease of administration of this approval, the Board orders that, to expedite review, if no substantial start has been made within the first year after the date specified in Condition 1 above, the approval may be extended for one additional year, provided the applicants submit a letter to the Board at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the initial one-year period, certifying that all information contained in the application and presented to the Board is still materially correct and complete. The applicants shall have two years to complete the project following the date of commencement of construction, provided that the applicants may request an extension of the completion date as provided in Article 6(4)(E) of the Orrington Land Use Ordinance.

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 this Planning Board decision.

All concurring.

DATED:

TOWN OF
ORRINGTON PLANNING BOARD

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