



## MAINE POWER RELIABILITY PROGRAM

A CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY PROGRAM

March 29, 2010

Mr. Randall Gray  
Skowhegan Code Enforcement Officer  
225 Water Street  
Skowhegan, ME 04976

**Re: Maine Power Reliability Program  
Central Maine Power Company**

Dear Mr. Gray:

This letter serves to follow up on our March 25, 2010 telephone conversation regarding Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) proposed Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP), part of which is located within the Town of Skowhegan. The MPRP is a project by CMP to upgrade Maine's bulk power system, and the proposed MPRP activities in the Town of Skowhegan are part of this larger effort to increase Maine's transmission system reliability.

The proposed MPRP construction in the Town of Skowhegan is identified as "Segment 34C" of the project. The proposed construction is limited to a 're-rate' of the existing Section 83C transmission line located within an existing CMP transmission corridor. The Section 83C transmission line is approximately 3.3 miles long, and begins at the Sappi Paper Company facility located off of Varney Road. The transmission line runs to the north, crosses the Kennebec River, and eventually connects with an existing switchyard located south of Oak Pond Road (see enclosed Project Overview Map). The proposed re-rate work will include replacement of 12 of the existing H-frame transmission line supports, and replacement of the existing transmission line conductor wires. The replacement H-frames will be wooden and similar in size and appearance to the existing transmission line supports.

Based on our telephone conversation, CMP understands that municipal Site Plan Review, Shoreland Zone, Flood Hazard Development, and Building/Construction Permits will not be necessary to complete the Section 83C re-rate in Skowhegan because the project is limited to replacement of existing infrastructure. However, CMP understands that an earth moving permit from the Code Enforcement Office may be necessary prior to the start of construction. CMP or its contractor(s) will contact the Code Enforcement Office

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prior to the start of the Section 83C re-rate construction and apply for an earth moving permit as necessary.

If this understanding of municipal permit needs for the proposed Section 83C re-rate in Skowhegan is correct, please sign the Code Enforcement Officer's statement at the end of this letter and return the original signed copy of the letter to me. If this understanding is not correct, please contact me.

During our phone conversation, you mentioned that John Carroll and Ellen Miller of CMP had recently met with you and the Skowhegan Town Manager regarding a proposed CMP transmission line project in Skowhegan, and we were both uncertain if the project that you met with them about was the Section 83C re-rate or a different CMP project altogether. I have subsequently confirmed that the project you discussed with Mr. Carroll and Ms. Miller is a different CMP project known as the "Section 241 Rebuild". The Section 241 Rebuild involves reconstructing an existing transmission line from Moscow to Benton. The Section 241 Rebuild is not part of the MPRP and is a separate project from the Section 83C re-rate.

Thank you for your assistance regarding municipal permitting requirements for the MPRP in Skowhegan. Please contact me at 879-1930 ext. 120 or [sdonohue@trcsolutions.com](mailto:sdonohue@trcsolutions.com) if you have any additional questions regarding the MPRP.

Sincerely,



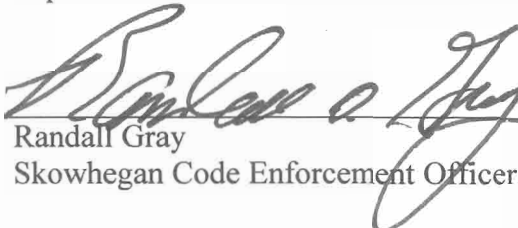
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Map Enclosure

Cc: Mark Goodwin, Burns & McDonnell  
Chris Huck, Skowhegan Town Planner

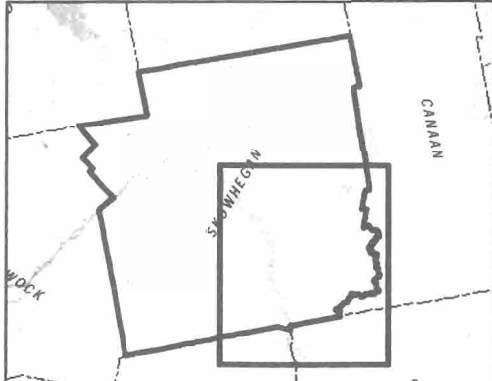
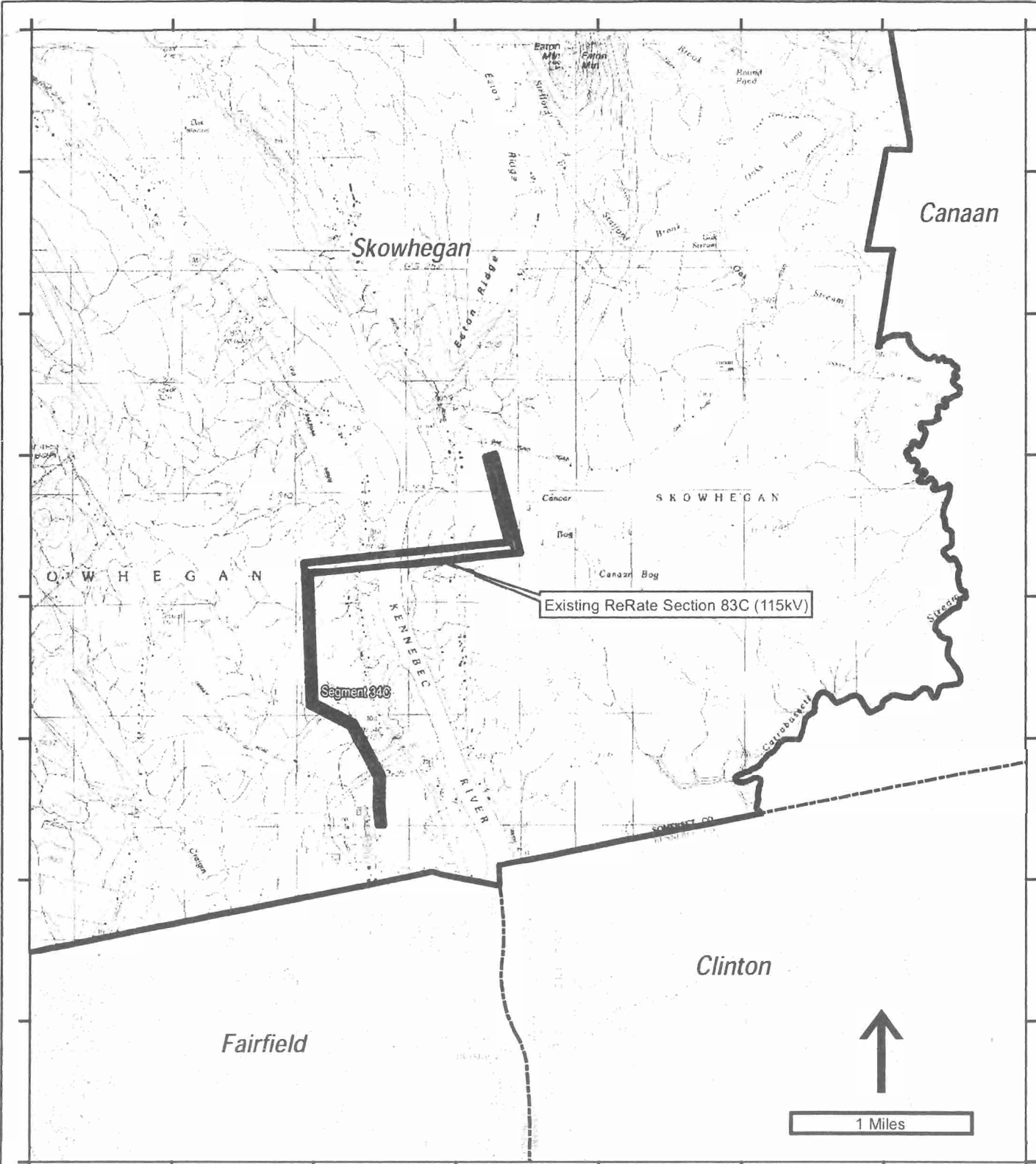
**Code Enforcement Officer's Statement:**




I have read this letter and agree with CMP's understanding of municipal permitting requirements for the MPRP in the Town of Skowhegan, as explained in this letter.



Randall Gray  
Skowhegan Code Enforcement Officer


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-  Town of Skowhegan (MEGIS)
  -  Proposed Transmission Line (PEI)
  -  MPRP Project Limits (CMP)



**Project Overview Map  
Skowhegan, ME**

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Data Sources: Maine Office of GIS (MEGIS), United States Geological Survey 24k (USGS), Central Maine Power Company (CMP), Power Engineers Inc. (PEI), TRC Companies, Inc. (TRC). Projection: NAD83, UTM Zone 19N, Grid North.