



## MAINE POWER RELIABILITY PROGRAM

A CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY PROGRAM

July 23, 2010

Mr. Lee Stover, Chairman, Waldo Planning Board  
15 East Waldo Road  
Waldo, ME 04915

Dear Lee,

Thank you for speaking with me on July 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the status of CMP's Maine Power Reliability Program project in Waldo and the project update information sent to you on June 10, 2010.

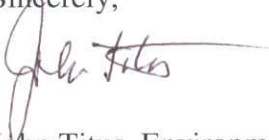
As you know, CMP obtained Shoreland Zoning approval from the Town of Waldo Planning Board in May 2009. The project originally involved the installation of a new 115 kV transmission line (Section 254) to be built to 345 kV standards within the existing corridor that runs from Swanville to Morrill. ISO New England, which oversees electrical transmission planning and operations in the region, determined earlier this year that Section 254 should be built to 115 kV standards instead of 345 kV standards as originally proposed. As a result, CMP has redesigned Section 254.

The portion of the new transmission line in Waldo will now run on 70 wooden H-frame structures, rather than 60 as originally proposed. Structure heights will typically be 55 feet above ground rather than 75 feet as originally proposed. The new line will be placed on the northwest side of the existing corridor as before. Due to the proximity of the new transmission line to the Waldo/Brooks Town line, the center point of proposed structures #254-315 to #254-329 (from the intersection of CMP's Section 24 transmission line to the Swanville Town line) will be located in Brooks, although portions of several of these structures will span both towns. There will continue to be impacts to the shoreland zone in conjunction with White Brook as stipulated in the Shoreland Zoning application submitted to the Town in February 2009, although those impacts will be shared with the Town of Brooks. Impacts to other shoreland zones in the Town of Waldo as identified in the application will remain essentially the same. The number of structures in each of the districts will remain the same.

Based on our telephone conversation, you indicated the project changes described above would not require an amendment to CMP's Shoreland Zoning permit approved in May 2009, because there would be no new impacts resulting from the redesign of Section 254; and in some cases, the overall impacts would be reduced in the Town of Waldo. I understand you wish to review these findings with members of the Planning Board on August 3.

If this understanding of CMP's municipal requirements for the revised MPRP project in Waldo is correct, please sign where indicated below, and return the original copy to me. Otherwise, please feel free to contact me at 620-3842 should you have other questions.

Sincerely,



John Titus, Environmental Specialist  
TRC Engineers, LLC

Enclosures

cc: File MPRP 166247.2010-5

All Concurring:

  
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Chair, Waldo Planning Board

Date: 8/3/2010

  
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