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## Memorandum

**To:** Commissioners

**CC:** NECEC Service List

From: Bill Hinkel

**Date:** July 9, 2019

**Re:** NECEC Site Visit Notes

On June 27, 2019, the Commission conducted a site visit to view portions of the proposed NECEC Project. This memorandum provides a summary of the site visit.

## Attendees

Commission staff: Bill Hinkel

Commissioners: Betsy Fitzgerald, James May, Millard Billings, Peter Pray

Office of the Maine Attorney General: Lauren Parker

Attendees departed Bingham at approximately 8:15 a.m. for the Appalachian Trail crossing of Troutdale Road adjacent to Moxie Pond. Attendees exited the vehicle at the AT crossing at Joe's Hole on Troutdale Road and viewed the Applicant's Photosimulations 50 and 50A (12/7/2018) and the Applicant's Joe's Hole (Moxie Pond) Planting Plan (8/10/2018) while standing within the existing transmission line corridor.

Attendees continued northward on Troutdale Road to Lake Moxie Road and then turned north onto U.S. Route 201 in The Forks. Attendees traveled westward down Hardscrabble Road (which becomes Spencer Road) across from Parlin Pond. I pointed out certain landscape features referenced in the record, including the access road to Rock Pond, Three Slide Mountain, and No. 5 Mountain. We drove to observe the trailhead kiosk for No. 5 Mountain.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., we arrived at the intersection of Lowelltown Road and Number One Brook. Due to a communication glitch with the landowner, E.J. Carrier, we were not able to gain access to the shoreline of Beattie Pond as intended. We reviewed the Applicant's Photosimulations I and IA (revised January 25, 2019) for Beattie Pond before backtracking to Route 201 and ending the site visit.

