## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION





October 13, 2017

Burns & McDonnell Attn: Mark Goodwin 27 Pearl Street Portland, ME 04101

DEP APPLICATION #L-27625-26-A-N/#L-27625-TG-B-N/#L-27625-2C-C-N/ RE:

#L-27625-VP-D-N/#L-27625-IW-E-N; NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT

PROJECT; MULTIPLE MUNICIPALITIES AND TOWNSHIPS

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Your client's applications for a Site Location of Development Law permit and a Natural Resources Protection Act permit were received by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) and found to be acceptable for processing on October 13, 2017. Acceptance of the applications does not preclude the Department from requesting additional information during processing. Your client's applications have been given the above-referenced license numbers.

The applications will now be examined to determine whether a license can be issued. The statutory timeframe to complete the application review is 185 days. As we have discussed, the application processing time may be placed 'on hold' during the Department's review. Due to the project's scale and complexity, additional application information may be required by the Department. No construction related to the proposed activities currently under review may be started prior to receiving a final approval from the Department.

For questions regarding the Department's review of this application, please contact Marybeth Richardson at (207) 592-1692, or via the project email address at NECEC.DEP@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Bergeron, P.E.

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Director, Bureau of Land Resources

Gerry Mirabile, Central Maine Power cc:

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