

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

and

STATE OF MAINE
LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)
NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT)
#L-27625-26-A-N/#L-27625-TG-B-N/)
#L-27625-2C-C-N/#L-27625-VP-D-N/)
#L-27625-IW-E-N)

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)
NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT)
SITE LAW CERTIFICATION SLC-9)
Beattie Twp, Lowelltown Twp, Skinner Twp,)
Appleton Twp, T5 R7 BKP WKR,)
Hobbs town Twp, Bradstreet Twp,)
Parlin Pond Twp, West Forks Plt, Moxie Gore,)
The Forks Plt, Bald Mountain Twp, Concord Twp)

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
ROBERT MEYERS

February 28, 2019

Robert Meyers being duly sworn submits this pre-filed testimony as follows:

1. I have been Executive Director of the Maine Snowmobile Association for twenty-three years. The Association represents 289 clubs. The clubs in turn, have an aggregate membership of approximately 28,000 people and 2,100 businesses in Maine. The Association provides legislative advocacy, safety education, technical assistance, and general support for the snowmobiling community.
2. I have also served as a member of the Maine Tourism Association Board including a term as the Board's chair. I am also a member of the Land for Maine's Future Board. I am not speaking for those organizations, but I mention them only as part of my background. I believe in the value of public lands for public recreation, just as I am grateful for the

incredible access Maine's private land owners have traditionally afforded to the public. We enjoy that access on the basis of a well-established understanding that we take good care of the resources we are grateful to be able to use and we do not claim what is not our own.

3. Maine has approximately 14,000 miles of snowmobile trails. Approximately 95% of the snowmobile trails are on privately owned land and the snowmobiling community understands that they are fortunate to be allowed to use this privately-owned land for their recreation and enjoyment. Approximately 620 miles of the 14,000 miles of trails are located on CMP property. Some of the trails are in and along transmission line corridors including particularly ITS-87 north of The Forks.
4. In my full-time work with the Snowmobile Association I hear large numbers of complaints from snowmobilers. I have never heard a single complaint about seeing, or snowmobiling in the vicinity of, a power line. In my opinion, the predominant attitude of the Association's membership with respect to the construction of the currently proposed transmission line would be indifference or support, with little or no opposition.
5. Overall, based on the totality of my experience, it is my opinion that construction of the proposed transmission line will not have a negative effect on existing scenic, aesthetic, or recreation uses. It is also my opinion that, if there should be any negative effect, it will not be significant enough to be unreasonable. Maine has long had a vibrant tourism industry, and abundant and diverse outdoor recreation opportunities, and thousands of miles of transmission and distribution lines. In my opinion, another fifty-three miles through a working forest will not have any significant impact.

Respectfully submitted,

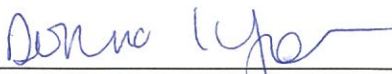
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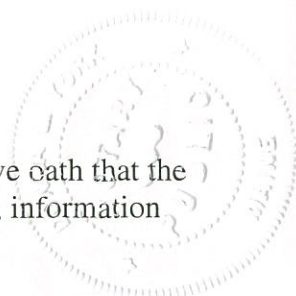

Robert Meyers

STATE OF Maine
Kennebec, ss.

February 26, 2019

The above-named Robert Meyers personally appeared before me and gave oath that the pre-filed testimony herein above is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Notary Public
My commission expires


Donna L. York
Notary Public, State of Maine
My Commission Expires September 10, 2023