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IN THE MATTER OF

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY)	
NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY)	
CONNECT)	APPLICATION FOR NATURAL
25 Municipalities, 13 Townships/Plantations,)	RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT
7 Counties)	AND SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT
L-27625-26- A-N)	ACT PERMITS
L-27625-TB-B-N)	AND SITE LAW CERTIFICATION SLC-9
L-27625-2C-C-N)	PUBLIC HEARING
L-27625-VP-D-N)	JOINT FOURTH PROCEDURAL ORDER
L-27625-IW-E-N)	

This Fourth Procedural Order (Order) sets forth a ruling of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) and the Land Use Planning Commission (Commission) pertaining to the timing of the close of the record and sets a date for the next pre-hearing conference.

TIMING OF CLOSE OF THE RECORD

1. At the second pre-hearing conference on Thursday, January 17, 2019, parties requested information about when the record in this matter will close. The Presiding Officers acknowledged that there are differences between the Department’s and Commission’s rules with regard to this procedural issue, and stated that a decision on this would be made following the conference.
2. The Presiding Officers have decided that after the conclusion of the hearing, the record will remain open for a period of ten (10) days for members of the public to file written statements to the Department and Commission, then for a period of seven (7) additional days allowing the public to file statements in rebuttal of those written statements. During this time period, while the record remains open for public comment, parties to the proceeding may not submit additional evidence or comments.

3. Parties will have an opportunity to submit post-hearing briefs and proposed findings of fact. This will be due after the transcript of the hearing has been produced and disseminated to the parties. The Presiding Officers will provide a filing deadline for post-hearing briefs and proposed findings of fact in a subsequent Procedural Order.

THIRD PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

4. A Third pre-hearing conference will be held by telephone on March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. The phone number and access code will be provided to the service list in an e-mail prior to the call.

FILING DEADLINES

5. The filing deadline for all submissions in this proceeding is 5:00 p.m. on the date specified, unless otherwise specified by the Presiding Officers.

Dated: March 4, 2019



Susanne Miller, Presiding Officer
Department of Environmental Protection



Everett Worcester, Chair and Presiding Officer
Land Use Planning Commission