STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2022-00359

February 13, 2023

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY, VERSANT POWER, MAINE RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION, COALITION FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR ACCESS, Request for Emergency Rulemaking to Amend Chapter 324

CMP RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 3, 2023 PROCEDURAL ORDER

Central Maine Power ("CMP" or the "Company") respectfully submits this response to the Maine Public Utilities Commission's (the "Commission") February 3, 2023, Procedural Order (the "Procedural Order"). The Procedural Order seeks further clarification on two specific questions regarding responses provided by CMP and Versant Power to the Commission's December 28, 2022, Request for Comment in the above docket. CMP submits the following response to the Procedural Order.

I. REQUESTED COMMENTS

1. For each utility, please provide the back-up data to support the analysis performed to calculate the number of level 2 projects included in the joint response.

CMP submits the accompanying Excel file supporting the analysis to calculate the number of Level

2 projects included in the January 13, 2023, Joint Response to the Request for Comments. This Excel provides CMP's most recent and factually accurate data and supplants the level 2 data used in CMP's portion of the Joint Response.

2. For CMP, please describe how the projects presented on the publicly available Level 2 Application Tracker on the CMP website relate to the number of Level 2 projects described in the joint response.

In crafting this response, CMP discovered several inconsistencies between the Level 2 data provided in CMP's portion of the Joint Response and the information presented in the publicly available Level 2 Application Tracker on CMP's website.

CMP has performed a thorough review of our publicly available Level 2 tracker and a corrected version will be posted to the website. Based on this updated data (which is also represented in the aforementioned Excel file accompanying this filing) CMP wishes to amend its initial response to the following questions poised in the Commission's Request for Comments:

8. Pertaining to the proposed reduction in maximum size of Level 2 projects from 2 MW to 1 MW, how many Level 2 applications were received for projects greater than 1 MW and less than or equal to 2 MW in 2022? CMP received 20 Level 2 applications for projects between 1 and 2 MW in the 2022 calendar year. Five of these applications were for 2 MW projects.

9. Pertaining to the proposed reduction in maximum size of Level 2 projects from 2 MW to 1 MW, how many Level 2 applications were received for projects greater than 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 2 MW in 2022?

Central Maine Power received 123 Level 2 applications for projects greater than 0.5 MW and less than or equal to 2 MW in the 2022 calendar year.

10. Pertaining to the Level 2 projects greater than 1 MW negatively impacting the ISO New England Section I.3.9 study process, how many Level 2 applications greater than 1 MW passed as a Level 2 project in 2022?

In CMP's service territory, there were 14 projects requiring I.3.9 approval. However, three of the 14 failed to pass screens and 9 of the remaining 14 withdrew. Of the remaining two active Level 2 projects, neither has received I.3.9 approval to date.

II. CONCLUSION

CMP appreciates this opportunity to clarify portions of its January 13, 2023, Joint Response to the December 28, 2022, Request for Comments and apologizes for any confusion this may have caused during the MPUC consideration of the Joint Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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