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May 24, 2021

Mr. Ken Lust, Vice Chair
Town of Starks Planning Board
57 Anson Road
Starks, ME 04911

**RE: New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC)
Extension Request for Site Plan Review and Shoreland Zoning Permits Approved
June 3, 2020, Revised April 7, 2021**

Dear Mr. Lust:

NECEC Transmission, LLC (NECEC LLC) requests a six-month extension of the June 3, 2020 Site Plan Review and Shoreland Zoning permit approvals which you have informed us, as per the Starks Site Plan Review Ordinance, Section 9.1 Limitations of Approval, and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Section 16(F) Expiration of Permit, would otherwise expire after June 2, 2021, one year after the date of issuance. The June 3, 2020 approvals were revised on April 7, 2021 to address a change in Project ownership required by the Maine Public Utilities Commission and to update technical aspects of the Project's design that have been refined since CMP's initial application in February 2020. Construction began shortly after April 7, 2021 but the Project has not achieved a "substantial start" as defined by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance or been "substantially completed" as defined by the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

All applicable state and federal approvals associated with the NECEC remain in effect and unchanged. No changes to the scope of work for the NECEC project in Starks have occurred since the April 7, 2021 approvals.

If you have any questions regarding this permit approval extension request, or require additional information please call or email me (207-242-1682; gerry.mirabile@cmpco.com).

Sincerely,

Gerry J. Mirabile
NECEC – Manager Permitting & Compliance

Enclosures

cc: Lauren Johnston/BMcD
File: NECEC