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Memorandum

To: Board members
From: James Beyer, Bureau of Land Resources; William Hinkel, Board Executive Analyst
Date: June 17, 2021
Re: NECEC Transmission LLC minor revision orders

At the May 20, 2021, meeting, Board members asked questions about some Board packet entries regarding licensing activity associated with the New England Clean Energy Connect project (NECEC). The entries related to NECEC in the Board packet's report of Department Orders filed with the Board between April 27, 2021, and May 10, 2021, (see attached excerpt from the report) generated questions regarding (1) why there were so many apparent minor revision decisions during the short timeframe; and (2) the nature of the field adjustments approved by the minor revision(s). To provide more information to Board members, the Board's Executive Analyst consulted project manager James Beyer, who prepared the information provided in this memorandum.

The minor revisions summarized in the report provided in the Board packet for May 20, 2021, were to the underlying May 11, 2020, Order of the Commissioner of the Department conditionally approving the application of Central Maine Power Company (CMP) to construct the NECEC project (NECEC Order). With regard to the number of minor revision applications that have been approved, to date, and as reflected on the report of Department Orders filed with the Board between April 27, 2021, and May 10, 2021, there have been two minor revision decisions issued. The extra numbers are explained as follows. The NECEC Order has been assigned a root license identifier of L-27625. For administrative tracking purposes, the Department has assigned additional license alphanumeric coding to the NECEC Order (i.e., L-27625-26-Q-M/L-27625-TB-R-M/L-27625-2C-S-M/L-27625-VP-T-M/L-27625-IW-U-M). When the Department processes a minor revision of the underlying NECEC Order, that action generates five new alphanumeric license sequence numbers.

With regard to the nature of the minor revisions, field adjustments are minor adjustments to approved plans made in response to conditions in the field, safety concerns, and project constructability. These types of changes are commonly needed for large construction projects. One of the two minor revisions approved is related to field adjustments and the other is related to a consolidated group of minor changes in the proposed project including: minor pole adjustments; rerouting of the corridor around Bowman Airfield in Livermore Falls; changes to the access road at the Merrill Road Converter Station; and changes in the work areas for the horizontal directional drill under the Kennebec River.

In summary, the report of Department Orders filed with the Board between April 27, 2021, and May 10, 2021, lists two minor revisions of the NECEC Order completed for NECEC Transmission LLC.

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From: 4/27/2021 To: 5/10/2021

NESTLE WATERS NORTH AMERICA	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	HOLLIS
DEP Number: L-020004-PS-AQ-A	Date Accepted:	10/26/2020	Decision Filed:	5/5/2021
DESCRIPTION: AMENDMENT / CONSTRUCT A 13 MW DC SOLAR ARRAY ON 40 ACRES				
U S COAST GUARD	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	JONESPORT
DEP Number: L-019053-4E- H-N	Date Accepted:	1/11/2021	Decision Filed:	4/29/2021
DESCRIPTION: MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF THE BOAT BASIN & SURROUNDING AREAS AT USCG STATION				
NECEC TRANSMISSION LLC	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	LEWISTON
DEP Number: L-027625-26- V-M	Date Accepted:	1/5/2021	Decision Filed:	5/7/2021
DESCRIPTION: MINOR REVISION / REFINEMENTS PRIMARILY ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUED FOR PERMIT TO ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DESIGN PROGRESSION				
NECEC TRANSMISSION LLC	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	LEWISTON
DEP Number: L-027625-TB- W-M	Date Accepted:	1/5/2021	Decision Filed:	5/7/2021
DESCRIPTION: MINOR REVISION / REFINEMENTS PRIMARILY ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUED FOR PERMIT TO ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DESIGN PROGRESSION				
NECEC TRANSMISSION LLC	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	LEWISTON
DEP Number: L-027625-2C- X-M	Date Accepted:	1/5/2021	Decision Filed:	5/7/2021
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NECEC TRANSMISSION LLC	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	LEWISTON
DEP Number: L-027625-IW- Z-M	Date Accepted:	1/5/2021	Decision Filed:	5/7/2021
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NECEC TRANSMISSION LLC	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	LEWISTON
DEP Number: L-027625-26- Q-M	Date Accepted:	12/15/2020	Decision Filed:	5/7/2021
DESCRIPTION: MINOR REVISION / FIELD ADJUSTMENT PROCESS				
NECEC TRANSMISSION LLC	Disposition:	APPROVED	Location:	LEWISTON
DEP Number: L-027625-TB- R-M	Date Accepted:	12/15/2020	Decision Filed:	5/7/2021
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DESCRIPTION: MINOR REVISION / FIELD ADJUSTMENT PROCESS		
SASSY STRIDES EQUESTRIAN LLC	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: LISBON
DEP Number: L-028380-26- B-N	Date Accepted: 2/25/2021	Decision Filed: 5/6/2021
DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCTION OF EQUESTRIAN CENTER WITH 4.09 ACRES NEW IMPERVIOUS 10.7 ACRES DEVELOPED ON 48-ACRE FARM		
NEW ENGLAND SOLAR GARDEN CORPORATION	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: MECHANIC FALLS
DEP Number: L-029170-TC- A-N	Date Accepted: 4/8/2021	Decision Filed: 4/29/2021
DESCRIPTION: INDIRECT FRESHWATER WETLAND IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW SOLAR ENERGY ARRAY		
RICHARD DYKE	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: NAPLES
DEP Number: L-018686-L3- I-A	Date Accepted: 8/27/2020	Decision Filed: 5/3/2021
DESCRIPTION: AMENDMENT / TURN LOTS 10, 11 & 26 OF THE FORMER NAPLES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INTO SINGLE FAMILY LOTS & ADJUST PROPERTY LINES		
PATRICK DAIGLE	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: NORRIDGEWOCK
DEP Number: L-029109-2F- A-N	Date Accepted: 2/23/2021	Decision Filed: 5/6/2021
DESCRIPTION: ATF / DEVELOP 12' WIDE ACCESS ROAD		
SEASCOAST RV RESORT LLC	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: OLD ORCHARD BEACH
DEP Number: L-021938-28- D-A	Date Accepted: 6/30/2020	Decision Filed: 5/3/2021
DESCRIPTION: AMENDMENT / ADDITION OF 16 NEW RV SITES & EXTENSION OF INTERIOR ROAD APPROX 1100 FT		
DONALD BENSON	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: ORONO
DEP Number: L-022914-L3- G-A	Date Accepted: 3/12/2021	Decision Filed: 5/7/2021
DESCRIPTION: MINOR AMENDMENT - FOREST HOLLOW SUBDIVISION - RE-ESTABLISH THE 2.49 ACRE LOT #20 BY REMOVING IT FROM THE 16.56 ACRE PARCEL OF RETAINED LAND & KEEPING 14.07 ACRES OF RETAINED LAND		
ROCKLAND, CITY OF	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: ROCKLAND
DEP Number: L-027335-4E- B-N	Date Accepted: 3/17/2021	Decision Filed: 5/7/2021
DESCRIPTION: STABILIZE THE SIDE SLOPE OF A PROPOSED TRAIL WITH STONE RIPRAP		
VACATIONLAND STORAGE LLC	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: SANFORD
DEP Number: L-018426-39- L-A	Date Accepted: 10/23/2020	Decision Filed: 5/6/2021
DESCRIPTION: DEVELOP PREVIOUSLY LOGGED LOT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 12 SELF STORAGE BUILDINGS OF VARYING SIZES ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED PAVED PARKING / 3 INFILTRATION BASINS ARE PROPOSED TO TREAT RUNOFF		
NEW ENGLAND BATTERY STORAGE INC	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: SOUTH PORTLAND
DEP Number: L-020588-39- O-C	Date Accepted: 2/25/2021	Decision Filed: 5/6/2021
DESCRIPTION: CONDITION COMPLIANCE / CONDITIONS 4 & 5 / DEMONSTRATION OF FINANCIAL CAPACITY & PROPOSED EROSION CONTROLS		
RANDOLPH COTTAGE LLC	Disposition: APPROVED	Location: SOUTHWEST HARBOR
DEP Number: L-006049-2F- C-N	Date Accepted: 3/22/2021	Decision Filed: 5/6/2021
DESCRIPTION: SHORELINE STABILIZATION ABOVE HAT LINE		

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