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VIA MPUC CASE FILE

Mr. Harry Lanphear
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18 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0018

Re: Central Maine Power Company Request for Approval of Distribution Rate Increase and Rate Design Changes Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 307 (Docket No. 2022-00152)

Dear Harry:

Central Maine Power Company ("CMP") hereby requests the Maine Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to assist in the initiation of the Expedited Follow-On Rate Design Proceeding (the "Follow-On Proceeding") pursuant to the terms of the May 31, 2023 Stipulation approved by the Commission's Order Approving Stipulation in the above-referenced CMP Rate Case docket.¹

Specifically, CMP requests that the Commission notice the Follow-On Proceeding in Docket No. 2022-00152² to allow all persons and entities requesting intervention to participate subject to the requirements of Chapter 110, Section 8(B) of the Commission's Rules of Procedure regarding intervention.³ Once the participants in this proceeding are identified,

¹ *Central Maine Power Company Request for Approval of Distribution Rate Increase and Rate Design Changes Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 307*, Docket No. 2022-00152, Order Approving Stipulation at ¶ 55 (Jun. 6, 2023) ("Rate Case Order").

² This Notice may also be provided in other dockets as determined by the Commission, which may include, if appropriate, Docket Nos. 2021-00325 (Commission Initiated Investigation into Transmission and Distribution Utility Rate Design to Promote State Policies), and 2022-00160 (Commission Initiated Investigation into Stranded Cost Rate Design).

³ *Central Maine Power Company Request for Approval of Distribution Rate Increase and Rate Design Changes Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 307*, Docket No. 2022-00152, Stipulation at ¶ 55 (May 31, 2023) ("Rate Case Stipulation").

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CMP will set a time and date for an initial stakeholder discussion. During this discussion, the parties can then formulate an appropriate schedule for future steps in this proceeding.

This Follow-On Proceeding is planned to:

- Develop rate designs options that (i) incentivize customers to shift usage away from the summer peak; (ii) incentivize the use of heat pumps and other beneficial electrification heating technologies during winter; (iii) and complement the incentives and programs offered by Efficiency Maine Trust;
- Consider 4-5 alternative rate designs targeting optimized use of electric vehicles and heat pumps, and consideration of further Time-of-Use rate structure;
- Consider the development of a Peak Time Rebate program option and/or pilot;
- Consider the development of a Non-Firm Customer rate option (for commercial customers);
- Consider and collect data concerning impacts on residential customers of an increase to the fixed charge; and
- Consider optimal ways to educate customers about these rate designs.

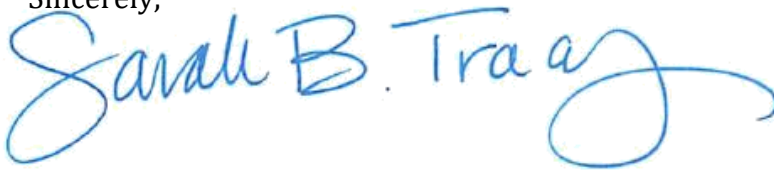
In this Follow-On Proceeding, a "Data Collection, Measurement and Evaluation Plan" will be developed to "collect, maintain and analyze" relevant data concerning future residential rate design options. This will include looking at customer bill impacts, impacts on load profiles and socio-economic data on participating customers.

Under the Rate Case Stipulation, CMP will file, "on or about" December 1, 2023, a final proposal that results from the collaborative Follow-On Proceeding.

CMP looks forward to the collaborative discussions about appropriate rate designs for CMP's residential and small commercial customers envisioned by this process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Sarah B. Tracy
Attorney for Central Maine Power Company