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March 9, 2023

Ms. Maria Duaime Robinson, Director
U.S. Department of Energy Grid Deployment Office
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Duaime Robinson:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Central Maine Power proposal entitled, "Automation and Topology Advancements in America's Most Forested State" to the US Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) (TA2-124-E).

IBEW represents thousands of members, partners and contractors in the CMP service area.

The IBEW supports CMP's application. We understand that this federal funding for critical grid upgrades will create union job opportunities. Additionally, our union is pleased that potential for funding may include support for union job training programs that will help the utility and the unions maintain a highly skilled workforce and meet the future needs of Maine residents, businesses, and institutions. We know that CMP intends to engage with our union as well as the impacted communities during all phases of the project to provide updates and solicit feedback, which will help our workers to perform their work with the information they need to succeed.

The CMP project's goals and objectives are consistent with the IBEW's strong interest in creating and maintaining family-sustaining jobs while bringing clean energy and environmental justice to our communities. As such, it directly supports the DOE's program. The IBEW strongly recommends this project for DOE support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael P. Monahan".

Michael P. Monahan
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March 8, 2023

Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0002740; Concept Paper Identification Code: TA2-124E, Topic Area 2

Dear Ms. Duaime Robinson:

IBEW Local 1837 is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Central Maine Power proposal entitled, "Automation and Topology Advancements in America's Most Forested State" to the US Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP).

IBEW 1837 represents 677 CMP employees throughout the service territory.

IBEW 1837 supports CMP's application. We understand that this federal funding for critical grid upgrades will create union job opportunities. Additionally, our union is pleased that potential for funding may include support for union job training programs that will help the utility and the unions maintain a highly skilled workforce and meet the future needs of Maine residents, businesses and institutions. We know that CMP intends to engage with our union as well as the impacted communities during all phases of the project to provide updates and solicit feedback, which will help our workers to perform their work with the information they need to succeed. The CMP project's goals and objectives are consistent with IBEW 1837's strong interest in creating and maintaining family-sustaining jobs while bringing clean energy and environmental justice to our communities. As such, it directly supports the DOE's program. IBEW 1837 strongly recommends this project for DOE support.

Sincerely,

Tony Sapienza
Business Manager
IBEW Local 1837



March 15, 2023

Ms. Maria Duaime Robinson, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0002740; Concept Paper Identification Code: TA2-124E, Topic Area 2

Dear Director Duaime Robinson:

The Central Maine Growth Council is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Central Maine Power (CMP) proposal entitled, “Automation and Topology Advancements in America’s Most Forested State” to the US Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP).

The Central Maine Growth Council, located in Waterville, Maine, is a public-private collaborative regional economic development partnership funded by municipalities and businesses who share a common vision of economic prosperity for our region. We support economic development in the Waterville, Fairfield, Winslow, and Oakland communities.

We understand that this federal funding will enable CMP to reduce the number of power outages and customers impacted by electricity loss, which is critical to supporting the communities we serve.

CMP’s project’s goals and objectives are consistent with the Central Maine Growth Council’s strong interest in bringing environmental justice and economic development to our communities. Central Maine Growth Council directly supports and strongly recommends this project for DOE support.

Sincerely yours,



Garvan D. Donegan
Director of Planning, Innovation, & Economic

March 2023

Ms. Maria Duaine Robinson, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Community Partnership Documentation, Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
Number: DE-FOA-0002740, Topic Area 2; Concept Paper Identification Code: TA2-124-E

Dear Director Robinson:

The Maine Development Foundation is pleased to provide a letter of support to Central Maine Power and to confirm its interest in acting as a grant administrator and technical assistance partner in the event that CMP is a successful applicant for the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) funding from the U. S. Department of Energy.

As part of its proposal, CMP plans to engage our organization, a well-respected and accomplished public-private development foundation co-located in the communities where work will be executed, to plan and administer a request for proposals for select area non-profits. We will convene a community-driven panel to oversee the grant process, taking care to select individuals who are active in and knowledgeable about the priority issues identified in the grant. In this way, CMP will ensure Justice40 goals for disadvantaged communities (DAC) are met with measurable outcomes. The nonprofits selected for the grant(s) will be those working in the fields of diversity, equity and inclusion in workforce development and removing barriers for disadvantaged communities. An additional intent of these grants is to ensure they provide feedback to CMP over the project lifetime and beyond, about community priorities and needs and a mechanism to give and receive two-way feedback about smart grid and grid resilience work that is underway in the community.

We understand that the amount of funding provided by CMP for this grant program will be determined by the amount and terms of the federal award and have made the applicant aware of our fee structure.

With the creation of this relationship, CMP and the Maine Development Foundation affirm they share a common interest in:

- Helping dislocated workers in Maine with workforce development training
- Increasing opportunities for disadvantaged populations (including single parents, service disabled veterans, tribal communities, persons with disabilities, justice-involved individuals) to access job and career building skills such as internships, apprenticeships and related educational opportunities.
- Identifying and funding community projects to improve diversity and equity and set the path toward a better quality of life for disadvantaged communities in the region of the project.

MDF has considerable experience working with distressed communities, and administering federal grants and contracts. We would look forward to the opportunity to work with CMP on this project.

Sincerely yours,



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President and Chief Executive Officer



March 16, 2023

Ms. Maria Duaime Robinson, Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0002740; Concept Paper Identification Code: TA2-124E, Topic Area 2

Dear Director Duaime Robinson:

Kennebec Valley Community College is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Central Maine Power (CMP) proposal entitled, “Automation and Topology Advancements in America’s Most Forested State” to the US Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP).

Kennebec Valley Community College, located in Fairfield, Maine, is a public, non-profit, post-secondary institution. As part of the Maine Community College system, we offer a comprehensive schedule of business and industry workforce programs. Specifically, we are proud to offer the only Electrical Technology Lineworker program in the state. We support equitable economic development and access for post-secondary education in Maine.

We understand this federal funding will enable CMP to enhance the distribution grid in its service territory to reduce the number of power outages in disadvantaged communities, including Fairfield, Maine which is where we are located.

CMP’s project’s goals and objectives are consistent with our commitment to improving Maine through innovation, and productive and responsible citizenship. Kennebec Valley Community College supports and strongly recommends this project for DOE support.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Normandin
President, Kennebec Valley Community College



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March 15, 2023

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Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0002740; Concept Paper Identification Code: TA2-124E, Topic Area 2

Dear Director Duaine Robinson:

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce (MMCC) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Central Maine Power (CMP) proposal entitled, "Automation and Topology Advancements in America's Most Forested State" to the US Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP).

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce serves visitors, local citizens, business owners, and people who are interested in relocating to the mid-Maine region (communities listed below). MMCC represents approximately 650 businesses within those twenty-one communities.

We understand that this federal funding will enable CMP to reduce the number of power outages and customers impacted by electricity loss, which is critical to supporting the communities we serve. We especially hope this program will support our most vulnerable communities, such as the aging, low-and-moderate income, historically marginalized racial minority residents, and small and minority owned businesses.

CMP's project's goals and objectives are consistent with the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce's strong interest in bringing environmental justice and economic improvement to our communities. Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce directly supports and strongly recommends this project for DOE support.

Sincerely yours,

Kimberly N. Lindlof
President & CEO,

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