

October 5, 2026

Linda Ball
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Re: Greater Portland Transmission Upgrades – Falmouth Town Council Request for Response

Dear Ms. Ball:

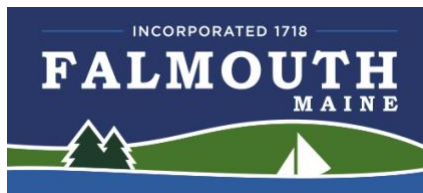
As Chair and Vice Chair of the Falmouth Town Council, we write to express serious concerns about CMP's proposed Greater Portland Transmission Upgrades project and seek your direct engagement in addressing the questions and concerns raised by our residents. The Council is preparing a resolution for consideration at its next meeting on October 14, 2026. CMP's responses will help inform that discussion and the Town's intervenor testimony.

At our September 28 Council meeting, we heard more than two and a half hours of public comment from Falmouth residents. They raised concerns about proximity to hundreds of homes, potential health and safety implications for children and families, significant tree loss, lasting environmental impacts, changes to established neighborhoods, probable declines in property values, and effects on conserved land, public land, and the school campus. Many are questioning whether the project's need and scale have been adequately justified. We have a responsibility to represent these concerns and ensure they receive careful examination and clear answers.

The Town's initial role was for staff to facilitate communication, information, and data collection from CMP, and advocate for a review of the impacts on public and private property. However, significant questions remain unanswered as the Town's intervenor testimony deadline approaches. That, coupled with residents' concerns, has prompted the Council to consider stronger action and seek your direct engagement in obtaining clear answers from CMP.

We are deeply troubled by reports that affected property owners and other key stakeholders have received little or no direct communication from CMP. While CMP has provided some public information, accounts suggest that those efforts have not adequately reached many of the people most directly affected. We expect CMP's outreach to help affected residents and key stakeholders understand the current proposal and its potential local impacts, even where design details remain preliminary.

We understand that the PUC must evaluate public need, considering reliability, economics, public health and safety, proximity to homes, and other statutory factors. It must also make findings on whether nonwires alternatives could reliably meet that need more cost-effectively over the transmission line's effective life. CMP's application must describe the proposed line's effects on public health and safety, environmental, scenic, historic, and recreational values, and its proximity to inhabited homes. It must also justify its selected route through comparison with environmentally, technically, and economically practical alternative routes. Our questions seek to understand how CMP has addressed these considerations in Falmouth.



We ask that you identify a senior member of your team to coordinate responses to the questions below, provide supporting studies or references to relevant PUC filings, and arrange a discussion with Town and school leadership.

- **Need and scale:** What specific reliability or capacity problems does the proposal address, when are they projected to arise, and what evidence supports the proposed scale and timing? Were more limited improvements evaluated, and why was this approach selected?
- **Route and alternatives:** For what reasons were the proposed route and design selected? Which practical alternative routes and designs were examined, what criteria were used to compare them, and were options with fewer local impacts explored? Has CMP evaluated whether improved wire technology could meet the identified need with fewer local impacts, and what did that evaluation conclude? What did the nonwires alternatives review conclude, and how has CMP addressed those findings?
- **Local impacts:** Based on the current proposal and preliminary designs, what are the anticipated structure locations and heights, clearing limits, and distances from homes? What environmental impacts has CMP identified, including effects on conserved and public land, and what changes could reduce them? Has CMP evaluated potential impacts on nearby property values? If so, what analysis supports its conclusions, and how were those findings considered in selecting the route and design? What herbicides and application methods, if any, would CMP use in the expanded corridors, and what safeguards would apply near homes, schools, conserved land, and water resources?
- **School campus:** What information and assessments are available concerning potential health and safety implications for students, staff, and others using school grounds? What easements or restrictions are anticipated, and how could they affect access, current uses, and future campus development? How will CMP engage directly with school leadership on these matters?
- **Communication:** Which affected Falmouth property owners and stakeholders were notified, when, and how? Please summarize that outreach and explain how CMP will address gaps with direct information about the current proposal and its potential local impacts.

We would appreciate available responses ahead of the October 14 Council meeting, where possible, and in time to inform the Town's testimony due October 23. Where information remains preliminary or assessments are incomplete, please explain what remains unresolved and when further information is expected.

We recognize the importance of reliable electric service and investing in infrastructure as communities in our region continue to grow. We also expect CMP to substantiate the project's need, explain its choices, and demonstrate a thorough understanding of its local impacts. We intend to represent residents' concerns clearly in the PUC review and advocate for Falmouth's interests. We look forward to your answers and direct engagement with your team.

Respectfully,

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