



TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION

Opposing the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity for the Central Maine Power Greater Portland Transmission Upgrades as Submitted

- WHEREAS,** Central Maine Power has proposed major infrastructure construction as part of the Greater Portland Transmission Upgrades project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Central Maine Power upgrade project is currently under review by the Maine Public Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Falmouth is an approved intervenor in the case, allowing the Town to participate in official hearings, review filings, and submit testimony to the Maine Public Utilities Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** at the September 28, 2026, Town Council meeting, Falmouth residents raised concerns about this project during more than two and a half hours of public comment; and
- WHEREAS,** Falmouth residents voiced concerns regarding the proposal's impact on their homes and community, including potential health and safety implications for children and families, significant tree loss, lasting environmental impacts, changes to established neighborhoods, probable declines in property values, effects on public and conserved land, and impacts on the school campus and its current and future uses; and
- WHEREAS,** Town Council, at the September 28, 2026, meeting, unanimously voted to submit comments in support of the Motion to Establish a Threshold Merits Phase on Load Forecasting filed by the Alliance for Responsible Infrastructure and other resident intervenors, which asks for further study of the underlying data assumptions made by Central Maine Power for this project; and
- WHEREAS,** at the same meeting, Town Council voted unanimously to submit a letter to the president of Central Maine Power requesting more information about the proposal and outlining the concerns of Falmouth residents and the Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Town Council is troubled by reports that affected property owners and other key stakeholders have received little or no direct communication from Central Maine Power on this project; and
- WHEREAS,** while Central Maine Power may hold additional public forums, Town Council remains concerned that information provided close to or after the October 23, 2026, Maine Public Utilities Commission intervenor testimony deadline leaves

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insufficient time for the Town and other intervenors to evaluate that information and address it in their testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Public Utilities Commission must evaluate public need and nonwires alternatives, and Central Maine Power's application must describe relevant impacts and justify its selected route through comparison with environmentally, technically, and economically practical alternative routes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Falmouth plans to submit intervenor testimony regarding the proposal's effects on public health and safety, the Town's environmental, scenic, historic, utility, transportation, economic, and recreational assets, its proximity to inhabited homes, and its impacts on the safety, access, current uses, and future development of the Falmouth Schools campus; and

WHEREAS, Falmouth Town Council believes additional information is needed to evaluate the proposal's need, scale, alternatives, and local impacts, and sufficient time is required to review that information and respond meaningfully;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH ASSEMBLED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026, THAT:

The Council opposes the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Central Maine Power Greater Portland Transmission Upgrades as submitted and urges the Maine Public Utilities Commission to further examine the need and scale of the proposed improvements, consider practical alternative solutions and routes, including nonwires alternatives, and carefully assess the proposal's impacts on Falmouth residents, private property, public and conserved land, and the school campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council calls on Central Maine Power to provide clear answers and supporting information regarding the project's need, route and design choices, alternatives, and local impacts, and to engage directly with affected property owners, Town and school leadership, and other key stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests sufficient time within the PUC proceeding for intervenors to review and respond to relevant information, including reasonable adjustments to the procedural schedule where warranted, and meaningful opportunities for affected residents and ratepayers to understand the proposal and provide input.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Town to submit this resolution to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in the pending proceeding, provide a copy to Central Maine Power, and ensure that the Council's position is clearly reflected in the Town's intervenor testimony and participation in the review.

Attest: _____
Ellen Planer, Town Clerk

Date: _____