

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

May 9, 2023

Docket No. 2021-00369

Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy
Generation and Transmission Projects Pursuant to the
Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development
Program

VERSANT POWER
REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

On February 3, 2023, the Commission issued an Order approving the Term Sheets for a generation project and a transmission project pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development program (the “Projects”). In connection with the Projects, the Order directs Maine’s Transmission and Distribution Utilities (the “T&D Utilities”) (including Versant Power (“Versant”)) to submit final versions of a Power Purchase Agreement and Transmission Services Agreement to the Commission prior to June 30, 2023, in anticipation of final signatures by June 30, 2023. (February 3, 2023 Order at 7.)

Versant has been instructed that the Commission Staff is controlling the pace and substance of the negotiations with the T&D Utilities at this phase in the process; Versant has only just received access to one of the two relevant term sheets and does not yet have access to the other. Because the T&D Utilities have not yet been involved in the negotiations or drafting processes for these agreements, Versant does not anticipate it will be able—nor can it envision, given the process in place, how it would be in a position—to submit final versions to the Commission as was originally contemplated.

For the foregoing reason, we respectfully request that the Commission relieve Versant Power of its obligation to comply with Order No. 3 of the Commission's February 3, 2023 Order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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