

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

**Docket No. 2021-00369**

**REQUEST BY THE OFFICE OF  
THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE TO  
PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW OF  
BIDS**

**April 5, 2022**

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The Public Utilities Commission (the Commission or PUC) is reviewing bid proposals and supporting documentation submitted to the Commission in response to the Commission's Request for Proposals for Renewable Energy Generation and Transmission Projects Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program issued on November 29, 2021 (RFP).<sup>1</sup>

One of the bidders has requested approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to grant authority to negotiate transmission rates over the proposed transmission line that is the subject of its bid. Attached<sup>2</sup> is the OPA's Protest filed at FERC on March 31, 2022. The OPA Protest lays the OPA's concern that captive Maine ratepayers may be disadvantaged depending on how the developer of the transmission line is allowed to recover the cost of the line, particularly any excess capacity that is not dedicated to delivering the quantity of power required to be delivered pursuant to a PUC

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<sup>1</sup> Order Issuing RFP (Me. P.U.C. Nov. 29, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit A. *Maine Power Link, LLC*, No. ER22-1290-000, Protest of The Maine Office of The Public Advocate (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Mar. 31, 2022)

approved PPA. In order to assure that Maine ratepayers are fully protected, the OPA requests that it be allowed to participate in the Commission's review of the bids.

Respectfully submitted,

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