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REF: CMP-NECEC
Docket No. PP-438
Presidential Permit

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Your letter dated November 27, 2020, requested the Secretary of State's views on the application filed by Central Maine Power Company (CMP) for the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) project with the Department of Energy on July 27, 2017, in OE Docket No. PP-438. I hereby report that Secretary of State has provided a favorable recommendation for the issuance of the above-referenced Presidential permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Fannon".

Francis R. Fannon