

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

August 25, 2006

In Reply Refer To:
Central Maine Power Company
Docket No. ER06-1207-000

Central Maine Power Company
Attn: Richard P. Hevey
83 Edison Drive
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Dear Mr. Hevey:

1. On June 30, 2006, Central Maine Power Company (Central Maine), filed an annual update to the formula rates in Schedule 21-CMP of the ISO-NE Transmission, Markets, and Service Tariff (ISO Tariff), effective June 1, 2006, and based on 2005 calendar year data plus the forecasted revenue requirement associated with CMP's projected transmission plant additions for 2006 which will be tried up subsequently.
2. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 71 Fed. Reg. 40,489 (2006), with protests and interventions due on or before July 13, 2006. On July 13, 2006, the Maine Public Utilities Commission filed a notice of intervention. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2006), the notice of intervention serves to make the Maine Commission a party to this proceeding.
3. The Commission notes that the 12.8 percent return on equity (ROE) that Central Maine is using in its formula rates is pending before the Commission in Docket No. ER04-157-000, *et al.* The Commission, in its March 24, 2004 Order in that docket accepted and suspended, and made effective subject to refund, a proposed 12.8 percent ROE effective as of the New England RTO Operations Date, February 1, 2005, and set that matter for hearing.¹ Therefore, our acceptance of this filing will be made subject to the outcome of that proceeding.

¹ *ISO New England, Inc.*, 106 FERC ¶ 61,280, at P 2-3, 232-50, *errata*, 107 FERC ¶ 61,051, *order on reh'g*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,147 at P193-207 (2004).

4. Accordingly, the Commission will accept and suspend Central Maine's filing for a nominal period, to become effective June 1, 2006, as requested, subject to refund and subject to the outcome of Docket No. ER04-157-000, *et al.*

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.