

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2018-00137

February 26, 2019

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Request for Proposals of Long-Term Contracts  
under 35-A M.R.S. 3210-C Pertaining to  
Central Maine Power Company and Emera  
Maine

ORDER APPROVING TERM  
SHEET (PART I)

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VANNOY, Chairman; WILLIAMSON and DAVIS, Commissioners

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Through this Part I Order and pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 3210-C, the Commission approves the term sheet for a long-term contract for a generation project under development by Three Rivers Solar Power, LLC (Three Rivers Solar), whom we referred to as Bidder G during our deliberation of this matter. The Commission does not approve moving forward with any of the other proposals before it at this time, referred to as Bidders A through F. Further, we direct Commission Staff and Emera Maine to develop a final contract with Three Rivers Solar consistent with the approved Term Sheet.

The Three Rivers Solar project is a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic project with a nameplate capacity of up to 100 MW<sub>AC</sub>. The project will be located in Hancock County, Maine, and has an expected commercial operation date of no later than December 31, 2021. The term sheet with Three Rivers Solar provides for an energy-only contract with a term of ten years at a price of \$35/MWh in the first contract year, with a 2.5% annual escalation thereafter. The Commission approves the attached term sheet for Three Rivers Solar because we find that the proposal satisfies the policy goals outlined in 35-A M.R.S. § 3210-C(2)—that is, the project presents a sufficient likelihood of providing ratepayer benefits over the term of the agreement to outweigh the risk inherent in long-term contracting.

A detailed description of the background, analyses, and reasoning underlying this decision will be provided in confidential and public (redacted) versions of a Part II Order to issue shortly.

It is so,

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Dated at Hallowell, Maine, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

*/s/Harry Lanphear*

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Harry Lanphear  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:

Vannoy  
Williamson  
Davis

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