PERMITTING: ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY

Central Maine Power New York State Electric & Gas Rochester Gas and Electric United Illuminating



Designing with the Community in Mind

We always strive to design our projects with the community and environment in mind. A big part of that effort in the planning phase is working with agencies, regulators and other stakeholders to ensure we adhere to the highest standards and mitigate any environmental or local concerns. For many projects, the design and permitting process can take several years to complete. Smaller projects may take less time. But all projects have the potential to impact the community and we work with neighbors and business owners proactively, to protect their interests and the surrounding environment.

PERMITTING

- The permit application provides us with an opportunity to demonstrate that our project will not have a negative environmental impact on the surroundings, such as streams and wetlands or other sensitive environmental or cultural resources. We also seek to show our project will not have a negative visual impact.
- We give serious consideration to all reasonable modifications to accommodate businesses, neighbors and the municipality. Attractive vegetation and/or low-impact lighting often improves a project.
- Before filing for a project permit, we meet with municipal leaders and state regulatory agencies to discuss steps taken to address potential community concerns. During the permitting process, we also gather input from other stakeholders who may be impacted by or have a certain perspective on the new facility or project.



Connecticut

United Illuminating (UI) starts by designing each Project to avoid and minimize negative impacts to the community and the environment. Early Project planning efforts include the completion of a set of resource assessments to clarify important planning considerations such as water resources; soil characteristics; cultural resources; and sensitive plant and animal species. Active regulatory coordination and reviews preceded numerous permitting efforts and are ongoing through the construction phase of all Projects. UI will secure the necessary authorizations reviews and permits from agencies across federal, state and local administration agencies. As applicable consultations and permits will be pursued from the following agencies for each Project:

• FEDERAL

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

• STATE OF CONNECTICUT

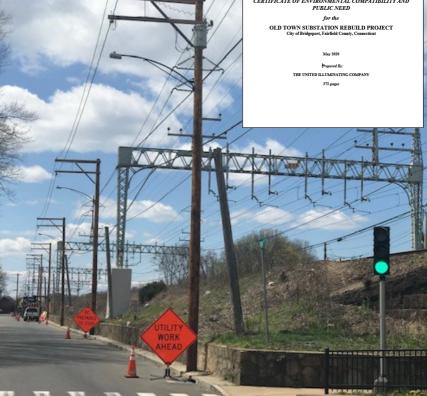
- Connecticut Siting Council (CSC)
- Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CTDEEP)
- Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

LOCAL AND REGIONAL

- Local Town/City or Municipality
- County
- Metro-North Railroad (MNR)



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Maine

Central Maine Power (CMP) strives to design our projects such that they avoid and minimize potential adverse effects to surrounding communities and the environment to the greatest extent practicable. Early project planning is critical to our thorough and proactive environmental compliance process and involves the conduct and completion of numerous resource studies and assessments intended to characterize and quantify resource impacts to sensitive natural resources, including possible impacts to sensitive plant and animal species and communities, water quality, soils and cultural/archeological resources. Advance regulatory coordination and interagency application reviews ensure that our projects incorporate agency feedback and are executed and completed in full compliance with Maine's laws and regulations. Additionally, our projects are maintained and operated to be in compliance throughout the entire lifecycle of each project. Before any work is done, CMP secures the necessary permit authorizations from agencies across federal, state and local administration agencies.



As a part of our "360-degree environmental compliance process", CMP regularly and routinely consults with the following agencies regarding our projects:

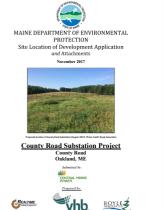
- FEDERAL
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
 - Coast Guard (USCG)
 - Department of Agriculture (DOA)
 - US Forest Service (USFS)

• STATE OF MAINE

- Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP)
- Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (MDACF)
- Department of Transportation (MDOT)
- Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA)
- Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC)

• REGIONAL

- Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC)
- LOCAL
 - Local Towns or Municipalities



New York

New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) & Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) actively develop Projects to avoid and minimize negative impacts to the community and the environment. Early Project planning efforts include the completion of resource assessments to clarify important planning considerations such as streams and wetlands; soil characteristics; cultural resources; and sensitive plant and animal species. Active regulatory coordination, reviews and permitting efforts are important for initial phases of the Project. NYSEG and RG&E will secure authorization reviews and permits from agencies across federal, state and local administration agencies. Many projects include permits pursued from the following agencies:

• FEDERAL

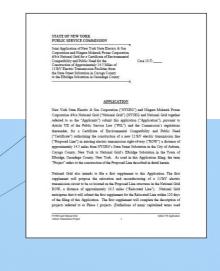
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

NEW YORK STATE

- New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC)
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
- New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP)
- New York Department of State (NYDOS)
- New York Canal Corporation
- New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

LOCAL AND REGIONAL

- Impacted Town, City or Municipality
- Impacted County
- New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)
- Adirondack Park Agency (APA)



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