

**CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
RESPONSE TO JOHN A. KRUEGER'S DATA REQUEST NO. 3
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- Q.** Deeds and discussions leading to the original “taking” of land for the right-of-way from Orrington to Maxcy Station specifically referenced the “need” for CMP electric power transmission. Please describe the legal basis for using this “taken” property for the additional purpose of data transmission and gas lines.
- A.** The term “taken” is inaccurate and misleading. Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), like all Maine electric utilities, has limited powers to acquire land through the eminent domain process. MEPCO chose to negotiate with landowners to acquire the fee interest even in those situations where MEPCO may have been able to acquire rights through the eminent domain process. As a result, MEPCO acquired the 270-foot wide corridor between Maxcy’s Substation and Orrington by fee conveyance except for one parcel in Orrington, over which MEPCO acquired a 170-foot wide easement through the eminent domain process. The AT&T fiber optic line does not cross this parcel and the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline is not located within the easement area. MEPCO’s fee rights in the 270-foot wide corridor are sufficient to allow the conveyance of any easement, lease or license permitted by law and approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

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