

**CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE'S DATA REQUEST  
NO. 2  
DOCKET No. 2008-255**

**October 10, 2008**

**OPA-02-06**

- Q.** On page 27 of 573 of Exhibit I-1, the limit on the Orrington South Interface is described as 1,200 MW, which is the largest source loss allowed in New England for a single contingency.
- a. Please describe the relevant standards, criteria, guidelines, etc. by NERC, NPCC, NE-ISO, NEPOOL, the New Brunswick system operator, and/or others that address electric interface limitations and/or the 1,200 MW limitation in New England on single contingency losses, and provide a copy of each.
  - b. If any of these relevant standards, criteria, guidelines, etc. by NERC, NPCC, NE-ISO, NEPOOL, the New Brunswick system operator, and/or others that address electric interface limitations and/or the 1,200 MW limitation in New England on single contingency losses have changed in the past five years, please describe the nature of the change and provide a copy of the document, standard, criteria, and/or guideline before the change or changes.
- A.** The basis for the reason behind the 1200 MW limitation in New England is its impact on other portions of the interconnected electric system. The origin of the 1200 MW source loss limit has recently been explained in the ISO's joint filing with NYISO and PJM that was submitted to FERC on November 16, 2006 in Docket No. ER07-231-000 and discussed in the order issued by the Commission on January 12, 2007.

Link to the November 16, 2006 Joint Filing: [http://www.iso-ne.com/regulatory/ferc/filings/2006/nov/er07-231-000\\_11-16-06\\_phase\\_ii\\_imports.pdf](http://www.iso-ne.com/regulatory/ferc/filings/2006/nov/er07-231-000_11-16-06_phase_ii_imports.pdf)

Link to the January 12, 2007 Order: [http://www.iso-ne.com/regulatory/ferc/orders/2007/jan/er07-231-000\\_1-12-07\\_phase\\_ii\\_protocol.pdf](http://www.iso-ne.com/regulatory/ferc/orders/2007/jan/er07-231-000_1-12-07_phase_ii_protocol.pdf)

**OPA-02-06 (continued):**

Specific procedures have not been provided because the premise of virtually *every standard, criteria, and guideline with respect to planning and operation of the power system* is based upon ensuring the integrity of the interconnected power system.

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