



May 2, 2005

Stacie Beyer
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Ms. Beyer:

On behalf of Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE), I hereby authorize TRC Environmental Corporation, specifically Gil Paquette, to act as BHE's agent with respect to all permitting matters under both the Site Location of Development Act and the Natural Resources Protection Act for the proposed 345 kV Northeast Reliability Interconnect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bennett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob Bennett, Vice President & General Manager
Bangor Hydro-Electric Company