

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Transmission Line Rebuild

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Dear Neighbor:

Central Maine Power (CMP) is investing in transmission line upgrades to strengthen its grid and continue providing our customers with safe, reliable service. This is especially important as Maine experiences stronger, more frequent storms.

As part of our improvements, CMP will be rebuilding its Section 1 transmission line in your community beginning in November 2024 and continuing into 2026. Serving 8,000 customers, Section 1 runs 23 miles from a substation off Route 3 in Augusta to a substation in Winslow on Benton Road. The original transmission line has wooden structures that will be replaced with stronger, more storm-resilient steel poles. Once work on the new line is complete, the older segment will be decommissioned and removed.

Starting next month, our teams will be laying ground mats in wetlands to protect these environmentally sensitive areas and cutting/trimming trees within CMP easements to reduce outage risks during extreme weather events. Construction on the new line will begin in late winter/early spring 2025. A project website will be available at *CMPSection1.com* in December 2024 that will include visual renderings of the new line and additional construction information as it becomes available. We will provide regular construction notification updates to keep you informed throughout the project.

Please note: In anticipation of site work beginning next month, CMP placed stakes along the length of the transmission line that are critical for accurate project planning and do not necessarily indicate pole positions. Kindly leave them in their positions as they are necessary for project execution.

Please contact our Project Outreach Team at 1-888-267-0831 or Outreach@cmpco.com and reference "Section 1" with any questions or concerns you may have about the project.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this construction.

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