

February 6, 2024

Select Board Chair, Albion
22 Main St
Albion, ME 04910

RE: Aroostook Renewable Gateway Project Update

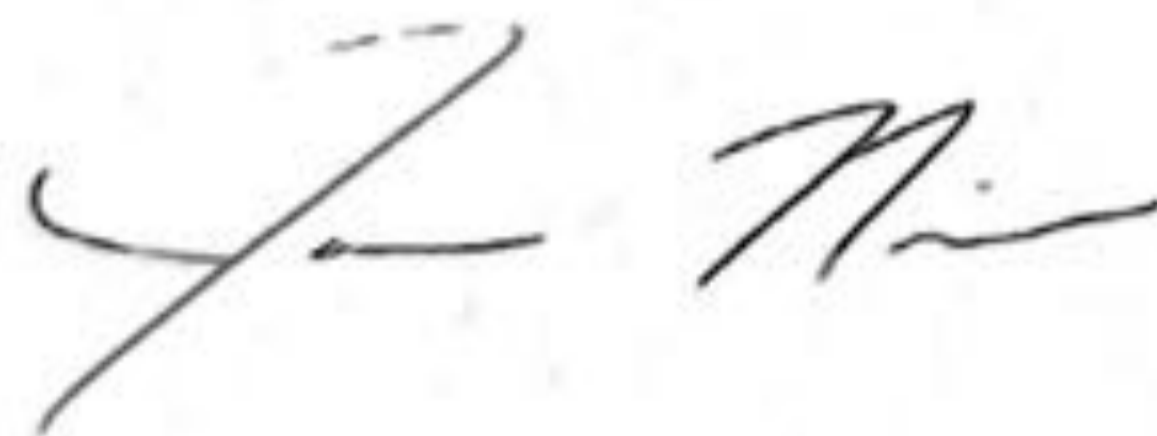
Dear Michael Gardner:

On December 22, 2023, the Maine Public Utilities Commission terminated their procurement to develop a transmission line to connect renewable energy resources located in northern Maine (Aroostook County) to the ISO-New England electric grid (Docket No. 2021-00369¹), pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program (35-A M.R.S. § 3210-I²). All of LS Power Grid Maine's development efforts associated with the Aroostook Renewable Gateway Project have been suspended indefinitely.

You are receiving this letter because preliminary route options for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway crossed through your town and potentially impacted landowners residing in your town were notified about the project and were asked to provide feedback. The purpose of this letter is to notify town leaders that LS Power Grid Maine's development of this project is not moving forward at this time and to request that town leaders help notify residents of this update. Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program, the Commission has the authority to initiate a new procurement, which according to its termination order³, it intends to do.

LS Power recognizes the importance of collaborating with communities to hear from landowners and concerned citizens on our plans and understand their concerns. We appreciate the feedback that we received and were committed to improving the potential routes based on the input from town, landowners, and other concerned citizens. If you have any questions, please call us at (207) 650-1398 or email us at info@lspgridmaine.com.

Very truly yours,



Jason Niven
Director, Project Development

¹ <https://mpuc-cms.maine.gov/CQM.Public.WebUI/Common/CaseMaster.aspx?CaseNumber=2021-00369>

² <https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/35-A/title35-Asec3210-I.html>

³ <https://mpuc-cms.maine.gov/CQM.Public.WebUI/Common/ViewDoc.aspx?DocRefId={1047928C-0000-C915-85C1-DE73B07A9304}&DocExt=pdf&DocName={1047928C-0000-C915-85C1-DE73B07A9304}.pdf>