

October 2, 2000

**TO: INTERESTED POWER SUPPLIERS AND MARKETERS**

**RE: REQUEST FOR BIDS – MAINE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE**

Enclosed are Requests for Bids (RFB) to supply standard offer service to customers of Central Maine Power Company, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company. The annual retail electricity sales of these three utilities in the aggregate is approximately 11 million MWh of which over 70% currently receives standard offer service. The Commission expects to complete this solicitation and select winning suppliers before year-end 2000.

There are two key distinctions between Maine's standard offer and similar services in other states. First, Maine has no administratively set standard offer price or price cap. Second, because Maine's utilities have divested their generation assets and entitlements and are restricted with respect to supplying standard offer service to their customers, most standard offer service in Maine must be provided by non-incumbent suppliers.

This solicitation for standard offer service may provide your company the opportunity to secure an attractive position in the New England marketplace. The enclosed Requests for Bids provide detailed information about Maine's standard offer and how your company can participate in our solicitation. For additional information, please contact John Higgins, Senior Engagement Manager, Navigant Consulting, Inc. at [jhiggins@rcgroup.com](mailto:jhiggins@rcgroup.com) or 781-564-9742. Inquiries may also be made to Faith Huntington of the Maine Public Utilities Commission Staff at [faith.huntington@state.me.us](mailto:faith.huntington@state.me.us) or 207-287-1373.

Very truly yours,

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