



TIME FRAME

STEP 1 OUTREACH AND ASSESSMENT

The first thing we do is to reach out to town officials, individual landowners and other key stakeholders to explain the overall project and how it may affect a town and its landowners.

We make a high-level review of operational conditions, including proximity to homes and businesses along a conceptual route. We confirm property ownership and discuss any landowner concerns including visibility and potential land impacts. We may request permission to access the property to conduct various studies.

STEP 2 OPTION AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT

If a landowner's property is suitable for the new line and we reach an agreement, the parties sign an option agreement and MEPCO pays the landowner for the option.

STEP 3 PERMITTING AND FINAL PAYMENT

Landowners have an opportunity to participate in the permitting process, which involves municipal, state and federal review. When the project is granted all necessary permits, and the option is exercised, the landowner receives the balance of payment.

STEP 4 CONSTRUCTION

When construction begins, MEPCO will post regular updates on our project website. We will take extra care to inform landowners about the construction scheduled in their area, in order to minimize disruptions.



PARTNERING FOR MAINE'S ENERGY FUTURE

Projects such as this one bring economic benefits to landowners, communities and the state. Transmission lines and substations contribute to the local tax base and any time a system is upgraded, it means new local jobs and vendor services.

Central Maine Power (CMP) and Emera Maine have a history of working together on energy infrastructure projects that benefit Maine, such as this one between Chester and Pittsfield. We do so through our shared ownership of the Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO).

Our MEPCO representatives are always accessible and appreciate the opportunity to meet with town officials, landowners and other interested parties as we work together to build Maine's energy infrastructure.

A TRANSMISSION LINE FROM CHESTER TO PITTSFIELD

MEPCO IS PARTNERING WITH LANDOWNERS &
COMMUNITIES TO FIND THE BEST PATH



Let's start the conversation

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**MEPCO: a corporation jointly owned by
Maine's electric utilities**



OUR NEIGHBORS

Landowners along transmission routes are our neighbors and our most important stakeholders. We meet with landowners and local town officials early in a collaborative process, in order to select a route that works for all parties. Our goal is to find a route that protects sensitive town features and minimizes landowner and environmental impacts.



PERMITTING AND PROJECT SENSITIVITIES

We carefully consider many factors as we design and build new and upgraded transmission lines to meet national standards for safety, environmental sensitivity and reliability. These factors include resource protection, wetlands and wildlife habitat, cultural sensitivities, community and visual impacts, and proximity to neighboring homes.

Every project gets a thorough review during the permitting phase. Municipal, state, and federal agencies consider all of these factors during a very public and transparent process in which we invite landowner and community involvement.

RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

Most of the acquisition for this project will be through easements. We understand and respect how important land is to an individual or family. Our goal is to work with the owner(s) to decide on a location which works for them. We pay fair market value for whatever rights we acquire, and we take into consideration any impacts to the remainder of the property.

An **easement** is a permanent right granted to another party to use land for a specific purpose, which in this case, would only be the construction, use, access to and maintenance of transmission lines. *The landowner usually retains all other rights.

An **'in fee simple'** purchase is different than an easement. In some circumstances, if a landowner has a preference to sell his/her land, an 'in fee simple' purchase is possible. It is an actual transfer of ownership and all rights to the land.

An **option**: When an agreement is reached, we usually seek to first acquire an option for the easement or land. An option is an agreement through which the owner commits to sell at an agreed-upon price for a stated period of time (usually two years). If the buyer decides to complete the purchase (or exercise the option), the option payment is applied to the total purchase price. If not exercised, the landowner keeps the option payment. MEPCO covers the cost of most surveying, title work, and legal documents.

**It is important to note that the easements MEPCO is seeking to purchase are for the sole purpose of building a new, electric transmission line. These easements would not allow for the development of any other type of project, such as a pipeline or a highway.*

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In order to provide safe and reliable power to Maine residents and businesses, it is important to maintain and upgrade our electrical system, and prepare for future growth. The region needs a new transmission line from the Keene Road substation in Chester, Maine to a new substation in Pittsfield, Maine to relieve congestion, reduce line losses, boost reliability and accommodate new generation from renewable resources. CMP and Emera Maine are currently working together as MEPCO, our jointly owned corporation, on this project.

The two utilities already own some transmission rights in this area, but we are in the process of meeting with landowners in order to purchase additional easements to finalize a route for this new line.



MAP LEGEND

- Keene Road Substation
- Proposed Pittsfield Substation
- Proposed MEPCO Line
- Existing MEPCO Line
- Existing Line 74
- Existing Line 85

