

Section 1 Transmission Line Rebuild: Augusta, Vassalboro & Winslow

Project Overview

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 the Fall of 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 Avenue.

Project Scope

The original transmission line currently has wooden structures that will be replaced with stronger, more storm-resilient steel poles. Wood poles will be placed roadside. Once work on the new line is complete, the older segment will be decommissioned and removed.

No outages will be required, and the current lines will remain energized throughout construction.

The project plan includes these four components:

- **Clearing the Corridor:** To prepare the area for construction and to help clear any potential hazard trees that could cause outages, vegetation management crews will be cutting, trimming, and mowing within the corridor.
- **Rebuild:** The Section 1 line from Augusta to Winslow will be rebuilt and upgraded to improve resiliency and reliability and increase capacity to accommodate future growth in the area.
- **Reroute:** In Winslow, CMP's current Section 1 and Section 40 share a corridor. Section 40 from Smiley Avenue to the Winslow substation will be rebuilt and Section 1 will be added to the new Section 40 structures. Section 1 will also be relocated to an existing corridor in Augusta to help reduce CMP's footprint.

- **Decommission:** The current Section 1 also travels from Smiley Avenue to a parallel path with Route 100 enroute to Heywood Road and the Winslow substation. Once the new line is energized, the existing structures will be removed. This will also be the case for the old section 1 segment in Augusta.

Benefits to Customers

- Improved reliability to meet our customers' needs
- Upgraded structures to enhance resiliency during major, stronger storms

Estimated Timetable

- **Construction Start:** Winter 2024
- **Completion:** Fall 2026

Permits

CMP will secure all necessary permits and approvals from the Maine Department of Transportation, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, City of Augusta; Town of Vassalboro; and Town of Winslow.

Regulatory Approvals

CMP received Maine Public Utilities Commission approval for the Section 1 rebuild project for work up to Winslow on June 12, 2023, and for the Section 1 reroute onto Section 40 on July 11, 2024.

Access and Easements

CMP crews will be accessing our existing transmission line easements via roads where CMP has access rights or legal agreements with property owners or towns.

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Staking

CMP will be placing stakes to mark both the perimeters of the corridor and to identify where poles are to be placed. Please do not move or remove stakes.

Ground Mats, Trees and Vegetation

From November to early April 2025, trees and vegetation will be trimmed or removed in CMP's existing easements where the new line will be installed. Tree removals reduce outage risks that may arise during major storms.

Pole Placements and Heights

The new structures will be installed approximately 10-15 feet away from the current line. The new poles will be on average 5-10 feet taller. Some 90-foot structures will be built near river crossings or a substation. Wooden poles will be used roadside for safety.

Work Hours and Noise

Work activity will comply with town ordinances. Typical construction noise, including drilling and the operation of heavy equipment, should be expected – especially by abutting stakeholders.

Construction Schedule

Work for the Section 1 project is anticipated to take place between November 2024 and October 2026.

The work will be completed in phases, beginning in Winslow and working towards Augusta.

Phase 1 – Fall 2024-Spring 2025

- Tree cutting, trimming, and mowing from Winslow to Augusta

Phase 2 – Spring-Fall 2025

- Installing matting from Winslow to Vassalboro
- Remaining mowing and matting in Vassalboro
- Installing access roads in Vassalboro
- Construction from Winslow to Vassalboro

Phase 3 – Fall 2025

- Structure removal and restoration from Benton Avenue, Winslow to Bog Road, Vassalboro
- Remaining mowing, trimming, and matting from Vassalboro to Augusta

Phase 4 – Winter 2025-Spring 2026

- Construction from Bog Road, Vassalboro to Church Hill Road, Augusta
- Completing remaining tree work

Phase 5 – Spring-Summer 2026

- Structure removal and restoration from Bog Road, Vassalboro to Church Hill Road, Augusta.
- Construction from Church Hill Road, Augusta to Route 3, Augusta

Phase 6 – Fall 2026

- Structure removal and restoration from Church Hill Road, Augusta to Route 3, Augusta

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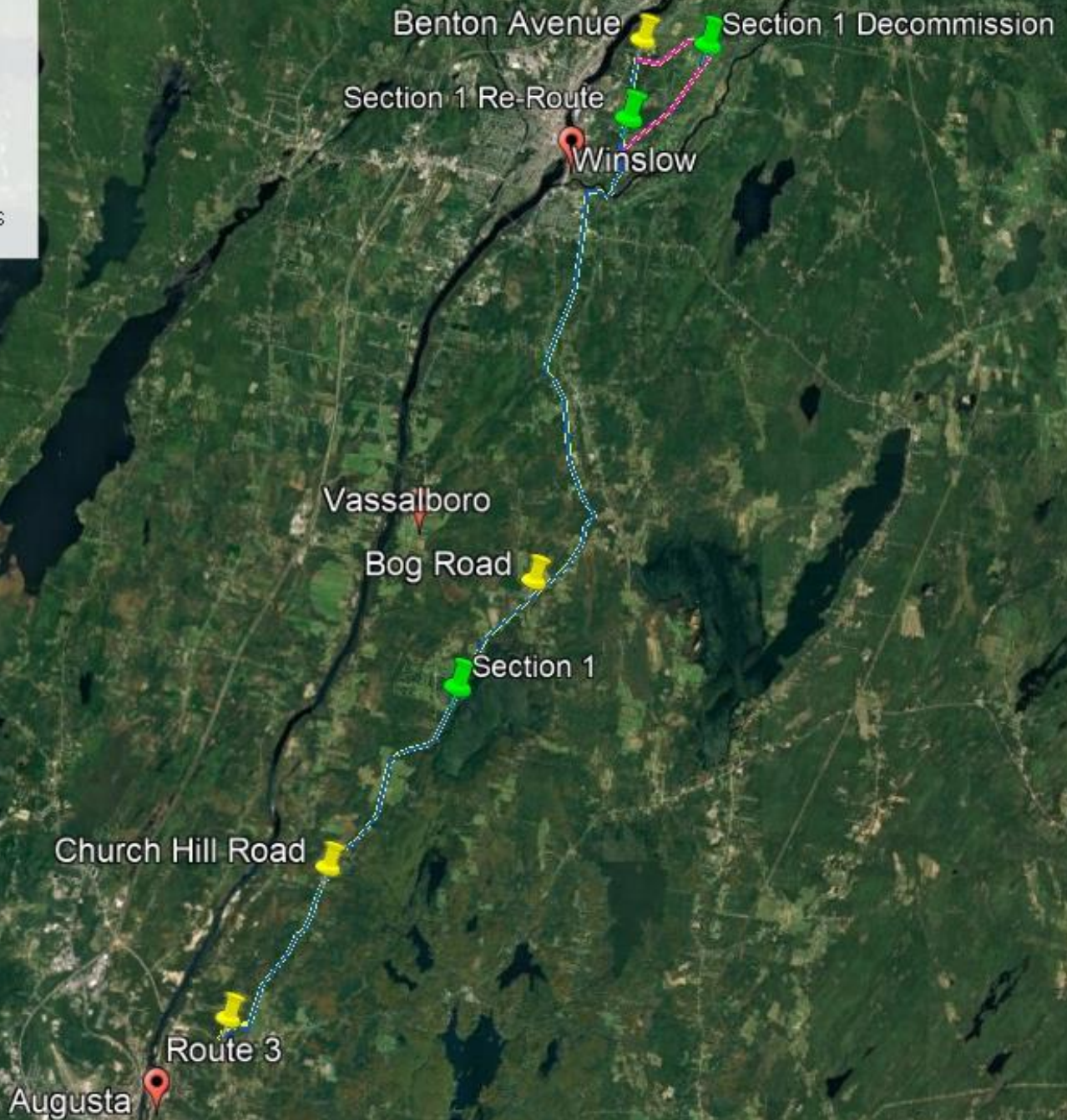


Section 1 Project Route Map

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Legend

- Line Sections
- Municipalities
- Section 1
- Section 40
- Work Segments



This map shows the S1 project route through Winslow, Vassalboro, and Augusta.