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Maryland Public Service Commission
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Re: NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc.’s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate a 500 kV Transmission Line Associated with the MidAtlantic Resiliency Link Project in Portions of Allegany and Garrett Counties, Maryland

Dear Executive Secretary Johnston:

Enclosed for filing please find the Application of NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc. (“NEET MA” or the “Company”) pursuant to § 7-207 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Annotated Code (“PUA”) and Title 20, Subtitle 79 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to construct the Maryland portions of the MidAtlantic Resiliency Link Project (“MARL”).

In its entirety, MARL is an approximately 107.5-mile, 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line that PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”) has directed the Company to build to prevent extensive, severe, and widespread reliability criteria violations forecasted to occur on the bulk electric transmission system that serves the PJM region,¹ including in Maryland.² MARL will traverse portions of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland, and includes a new 500/138 kV Woodside Substation to be located in Frederick County, Virginia.³ The Maryland portion of the

¹ The region served by PJM includes all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia (“PJM Region”).

² If left unaddressed, PJM forecasts that these reliability violations could lead to thermal overloads of existing high voltage transmission lines and potential voltage collapse, leading to electric system failure and blackouts, including for Maryland residents and businesses.

³ NEET MA’s affiliate, NextEra Energy Transmission Virginia, Inc. (“NEET VA”), will construct the new 500/138 kV Woodside Substation to be located in Frederick County, Virginia and other associated transmission facilities located in Virginia.

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MARL Project consists of approximately 35.4 miles of transmission line in Garrett and Allegany counties. Approximately 71.8% of the proposed line in Maryland will parallel existing transmission lines.

The enclosed Application consists of the Application document and its **Attachments 1** (Routing Study) and **2** (CPCN Regulatory Compliance Cross-Reference Matrix). The Application is also supported by the Direct Testimonies and corresponding exhibits of Kaitlin McCormick, Matt Pawlowski, Sami Abdulsalam, Ph.D., P.Eng., Andrew Gledhill, Phillip Givens, Heather Heater, Sarah Powers, and Fletcher Mangum, Ph.D. **Attachment 1** to the Application contains the Routing Study for the entire MARL Project, including the Maryland portions of the Project.⁴ **Attachment 2** to the Application contains a chart identifying specific sections of the Application and supporting documents where the COMAR-required information for transmission line CPCN applications can be found.⁵

In accordance with COMAR 20.79.02.02, NEET MA will hand-deliver one (1) original hard copy of the Application filing to the Commission, along with the check for the required filing fee. NEET MA has also simultaneously mailed or provided an electronic copy to the list of interested persons, including each owner of land and each owner of adjacent land to MARL's proposed route in accordance with COMAR 20.79.02.02 and PUA § 7-207(c). The Maillog number assigned to this filing will be indicated on the hand-delivered cover letter for your reference. The enclosed filing conforms to the Commission's Guidelines for Submitting Official Filings (Maillog No. 312552).

Contemporaneously with this Application, NEET MA and NEET VA will seek certificates, licenses, permits, or authorizations from the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("VSCC"), the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PA PUC"), and the West Virginia Public Service Commission ("WVPSC"), for approval of the construction and siting of the portions of the MARL Project located in each of those states. As part of its efforts to seek authorization and coordinate a

⁴ **Appendix C** to the Routing Study contains Maryland's Environmental Review Document ("ERD") and is enclosed herein. Please note that certain maps appended to and part of the ERD contain confidential information provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") and the Maryland Historic Trust ("MHT"), and will be submitted under separate (confidential) cover. Additionally, certain maps appended to the Routing Study as Appendix E also contain confidential information, provided by the DNR and MHT and will be submitted under separate (confidential) cover.

Appendix A, B, and D, pertain to Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia Environmental Review Documents, respectively – and will be filed with the corresponding certificates, licenses, permits, or authorizations NEET MA and NEET VA seek from those respective states.

⁵ This chart includes relevant COMAR provisions, relevant provisions of Public Utilities Article §§ 7-207 and 7-209 (pertaining to the evaluation of alternatives to the construction of the Project), and applicable provisions of S.B. 399, Md. 2025 Sess., Ch. 572 (2025).

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transparent and thorough review of the Project in the four states that MARL traverses, NEET MA will keep the Maryland Public Service Commission informed on the status of the other states' proceedings.

NEET MA respectfully requests that the Commission docket the Application as a new case and issue a procedural schedule that will permit the Commission to enter a final order on the Application, on or before the third quarter of 2027 given the public interest and significant need for the MARL Project to maintain reliable electric service in Maryland and the surrounding PJM-served region.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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