

STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Sitting as the Law Court
Docket No. Cum-20-181

Avangrid Networks, Inc., et al.

v.

**ORDER ESTABLISHING COURSE OF
APPEAL**

Secretary of State et al.

Avangrid Networks, Inc., the Maine Chamber of Commerce, and the Industrial Energy Consumer Group appeal from an order of the Superior Court (Cumberland County, *Warren, J.*) dismissing Avangrid Networks' complaint seeking to enjoin the Secretary of State from placing a citizen initiative to reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project on the November 3, 2020 ballot. The Clerk of the Law Court has docketed the appeal under Law Court docket number Cum-20-181.

Avangrid Networks, Inc., has moved to expedite consideration of the appeal and states that the matter should be decided by August 28, 2020, to provide time for the preparation and printing of the ballots for the November election. The Court has not waited for any response to the motion.

It is ORDERED as follows:

1. The Clerk of the Superior Court must transmit the record on appeal to the Clerk of the Law Court on or before **Monday, July 6, 2020**, at 4:00 p.m.

2. Any interested person or organization may file a brief as an amicus curiae pursuant to M.R. App. P. 9(e) without consent of the parties or separate leave of the Court.
3. The motion to expedite is GRANTED IN PART.
4. All parties and any amici must file their briefs and submit the required electronic versions of their briefs, and Avangrid Networks, Inc., must file the appendix, on or before **Monday, July 13, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.**
5. The parties may file reply briefs on or before **Monday, July 20, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.** The Court will hold an argument on the appeal by videoconference on **Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** The audio of the videoconference will be streamed on the Court's website.
6. The Court will hold a "rehearsal" at some point before the argument to ensure that all technology works correctly and that all counsel are able to use the technology. The Clerk of the Law Court will contact counsel to arrange the date and time of the rehearsal. For the rehearsal, each attorney who will be arguing must be at the place from which the attorney will participate in the argument and must use the exact device(s) and internet

connection that the attorney will use to participate in the argument.

7. The Court will establish a “high-profile case” page on its website at www.courts.maine.gov/avangrid. All available information on the case, all documents filed, and all orders and notices issued by the Court will be posted on that page as expeditiously as possible. The Clerk’s office will not provide information about this appeal over the phone or in person.

Dated: July 2, 2020

For the Court,

/s/
Associate Justice Ellen A. Gorman