

Hearing testimony

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Commissioner Loyzim and members of this committee

Good evening,

Once again we are here to submit testimony in regards to the actions of the CMP Corridor and what response should be taken after the fact. Once again, I please ask you to suspend work on the NECEC, formally the CMP Corridor and stop its destruction now.

This department gave criteria that was pretty clear. A: Get legislative approval B: Identify And fully permit an alternate route or C: Succeed on appeal. These conditions have not been met. It also seems unlikely any of these could be met in the near future.

The legislature has stated four times that this lease was illegally obtained, starting from before all permits were obtained up to the very last action of this special session with a resolution stating that "The lease provided to CMP to cross public lands in the West Forks Plantation and Johnson Mountain Township constitutes a substantial alteration of those lands requiring a 2/3rds vote of all members."

The second criteria would be a huge undertaking requiring all new permits and permissions from both state and federal Government.

Lastly, Justice Murphy gave a very clear and lengthy decision, being certain this would go to appeal. She found there was purposeful intent to avoid current laws by two former administrations.

The DEP has given CMP a lot of leeway including delays in responses to meetings, inspections and a wide interpretation of the law to include Director Cutco being found to exceed his authority in making decisions.

Please I ask you to stop the destruction of the largest continuous forest east of the Mississippi along with many threatened species of wildlife, flora and fauna. As a former owner of a business dependent

on eco-tourism in the area for over twenty years, I have to ask. For what? A high voltage transmission line that is being rushed as quickly as possible with no connection in the middle or even knowing if it would be able to continue after the November election with a citizens initiative pending for years but they continue to cut.

I'm sure there will be plenty of lawsuits in the future despite any or all of it's "project benefits". There is NO DOUBT there is absolutely no benefit or ever will be to the natural resources of Maine. Our state deserves more from the agencies whose job it is to protect it! Please vote to suspend the licence of the NECEC.

Thank you,
respectively.

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