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To everyone who is reviewing the NECEC project:

I cannot attend tonight's hearing regarding the lease on the Bureau of Public Lands, which is being questioned by various opponents of the New England Clean Energy Connect. However, I want to express my support for this project, and to share with the DEP my dismay at this latest effort to stop construction, and in fact, kill the project. We need this project to move forward - for our environment, for our economy, for a better future.

The lease in question is valid. The land on which the lease has been issued will not change in character. The process by which this lease was issued is legal. There is no question in my mind that this is merely another effort by the Natural Resources Council of Maine and the oil and gas industry to stop this project altogether.

NECEC has gone thru significant review and obtained its permits. The project should be a done deal. Maine stands to lose a lot if the DEP does not allow the project to be built.

Thank you for your careful attention and reasonable review of this issue.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Anderson

Former Commissioner, Department of Conservation.