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Good afternoon DEP Commissioner;

I am Judy Diaz, I am a resident of Sidney, Maine. I still own property in Jay, Maine where I was a selectperson for multiple terms and supported this project; as well as property in the woods of Western Maine in close proximity to this project. I know people who are currently working on this project-Maine people who are working and making a very good wage building this critical infrastructure that will deliver a large dose of clean energy to New England which we need. While Massachusetts is paying for the project, this power is going into the New England grid, that we all use. Energy generated by hydropower not from natural gas or oil which has seen significant increases in the last several months, and years ago Maine had several dams generating hydro-power.

I don't understand how previously issued permits can be pulled from projects like this. It sounds suspect or unconstitutional that something like this is even being considered. I liken it to shutting down the Keystone pipeline. Why... is it politics, on the backs of hard working Mainers? Oil and gas was reasonable last year; new green projects were supplementing and spreading the diversity of energy power...and now a huge green energy project is hitting the skids!! There is room for all power sources for the benefit of all Mainers, New Englanders and Americans.

There is a lot of misinformation and I won't even attempt to say I understand it all. But when friends say all CMP has to do is revise their proposal and go through NH or VT, it confirms the misinformation. I'm a retired contractor and had significant projects with the State and Federal government. I can follow a projects permitting process, this project has me scratching my head. This project went through very thorough review and received permits from the DEP, Maine PUC, Army Corp of Engineers, and a Presidential permit. And now this...?? Its shocking..and like the Keystone Pipeline, when its sorted out in court it will cost a heck of a lot more, both for the construction and what we pay in the interim.

It is my understanding that the courts are going to rule on this project. I suggest the DEP allow the courts to do their review and that your agency not suspend this license. Your office spent an unbelievable amount of time going through the permit process. Now the court system needs to do their due diligence, please let them.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion on this matter.

Very truly yours

Judy Diaz

