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I listened to hearings; I submit my public comments here.

1. Our votes are now distained as the court of public opinion? No!

Our vote is the basis of democracy!

We are told decisions were based on a "robust?" hearing process... It limited topics for discussion and allowed 3 min for public comments. But the time for extensive corporate plans & slick presentations by corporate lawyers, that essentially gives them most weight. The public & court have spoken.

2. Revoke this permit because

Corporation lacks required land title

Corporate construction & clearcutting activities proceeded and accelerated, since both the Oct court & voter decisions rejected this project, and seem to have stopped just in time for this hearing. It is not moot.

Corporate wilderness protection plan does exist, and their clearcutting to streams, demonstrates corporate disregard for risks and effects of environmental degradation.

US & ME DEP may discount habitat damage of dams & ignore indigenous rights and the real carbon harm from clearcutting. Earth doesn't discount.

3. Mainers and voters nationally expect thoughtful climate action

COP26 recognized forest conservation as a priority, and carbon trades from that could help appropriately value Maine's trees, wilderness & habitat for their environmental & climate protections, & benefits to so much ME tourism.

4. We are told we need the corridor's hydropower for climate goals. Yet CMP resists upgrading our grid to a most-efficient multidirectional grid.

We can all be energy providers, not just users

Stand up for environment & honor your mission, our trust and our vote.

Suspend this project.

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PS. In a recent town survey, 98+% of respondents rated nature/open space in top 3 values. We value habitat, wilderness, environment very highly.

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