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On November 2nd, Maine people overwhelming voted to terminate the CMP corridor, yet the very next day CMP continued to clear-cut the woods of Western Maine as if nothing had happened and all the while that very same next day CMP's parent company, Avangrid, filed a lawsuit against the State of Maine, Public Utilities Commission, and the Maine State Senate and House of Representatives to overturn the vote! Obviously they had that lawsuit ready as they knew Maine people did not want this! AND they keep at us no matter how terrible their service is or how illegal their actions are.

You live in Maine as do I. For me it has been 57 years in Maine with my late husband, and as pro photographers we covered it all from Aroostook to York, and never lost our appreciation of what Maine is and the need to PROTECT it. The permit for this illegal project needs to be suspended.

Companies with continuing illegal behaviors and strategies should not be rewarded with billion dollar deals to do more harm not only to our environment but our lives in general. When someone in Maine breaks the law generally they are prosecuted and given a fit sentence, not rewarded and given a pass to continue their law breaking.

Such was the case in New Mexico where the day before our vote here in Maine against the Corridor New Mexico also said NO to Iberdrola and Avangrid with the following:

"On November 1st, 2021 Hearing Examiner Ashley Schannauer issued an order recommending the PRC deny the \$8Billion merger between Joint Applicants (Iberdrola, Avangrid).

- Commission jurisdiction over Iberdrola, Avangrid's parent company is insufficient, especially given that Iberdrola is currently under investigation for fraud, bribery and corruption.
- Diminishment of service quality, with over 63 million worth of penalties and violations since 2016.

- The real purpose for Avangrid's interest in PNM is to subsidize Iberdrola and Avangrid's profit rather than focus on the needs of PNM ratepayers."

Then there is Avangrid's partnership with Hydro Quebec? Quebec does not allow foreign influence in its province. It is against their laws! BUT they have no qualms about inflicting harm on other countries to make money off of illegal interference. Then the illegal treatment of the people they displaced or killed to bring the corridor through Maine. Talk about "Partners in Crime"!

The Maine permit definitely needs to be suspended as Maine people have spoken.

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