

York, Marylisa

From: tina genthner <flowerandduke@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:09 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: NO

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Maine does not need the corridor. I am 100 percent against it.

Katherina Day

York, Marylisa

From: chuck smith <maine_grown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:05 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No Benefits For Me

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STOP THE CORRIDOR! Unlike the people that have connections and RELATIVES that would Collect Benefits and Income From the removal and clearing of Maines beautiful natural wildlife areas to Run Power lines through to an entirely Different State is totally unacceptable! Bad enough getting RIPPED OFF by CMP and not getting repaid back. Other people will receive benefits and money And ELECTRICITY! What will I get out of this? NOTHING BUT A CONTINUING HIGH ELECTRIC BILL!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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From: bruce pierce <ag2dogs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:27 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: NO CMP Corridor

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Jim Beyer
Maine DEP
State House Station #17
Augusta, ME 04333

CMP shouldn't get a permit to build the corridor because it's a bad deal for Maine's environment and economy.
It will not reduce carbon emissions and it will destroy pristine wilderness and it does NOTHING for the people of Maine.
This ONLY benefits CMP and Hydro Quebec and the people who took the bribe to begin with.
Respectfully, Bruce S. Pierce
Newry Maine
Formerly of Jackman, Parlin and West Forks Maine

York, Marylisa

From: Jason Haynes <jason.haynes@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:25 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: NO CMP Corridor!
Attachments: pastedGraphic.pdf

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Mr. Beyer,

As a business owner in the state of Maine I am extremely bothered by the prospect of CMP being allowed to decimate a swath of Maine's forest. They quite obviously have very deep pockets, as I have received no less than four glossy mailers, seen numerous and misleading ads on You Tube, as well as, in Facebook and on television. Its' disgusting. Maine has no reason to give CMP, (listed as the WORST utility in the United States) ANY of our forest!

Please do NOT allow them the permit.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email; I appreciate it.

Best regards,
Jason Haynes

RAYR wine & cheese
207-230-7009

York, Marylisa

From: Robin Folger <buildingitbetter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:57 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No Cmp Permit!

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No no no, a bad deal for a foreign company that won't be if it maine or it's economy, and leave us with the costly scars and mess.

Best Regards,
Robin W. Folger

York, Marylisa

From: ehuntley@maine.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:38 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No Corridor

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Please DO NOT support the corridor. Mainers do not want it, towns do not want it, Maine does not need it. We have had enough of the disinformation, over charging, exaggeration of benefits to Maine, rude service, and poor service. We don't need or want this in our state.

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From: Lucia Swallow <lswallow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:06 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No corridor, please

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Dear Mr Breyer,

Please protect the environment....Please do your job to protect the environment...

CMP shouldn't get a permit to build the corridor because it's a bad deal for Maine's environment and economy.

Dr Peter Swallow

Lucia Swallow

Sent from my iPad

York, Marylisa

From: Yvonne Stanton <yvonrrt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:21 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No permit

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Jim Beyer
Maine DEP
State House Station #17
Augusta, ME 04333

CMP shouldn't get a permit to build the corridor because it's a bad deal for Maine's environment and economy.

Sent from Von

York, Marylisa

From: Susan True <sjtrue52@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:30 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: no permit for CMP

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Dear Sirs:

I feel CMP shouldn't get a permit to build the corridor because in my opinion its a bad deal for Maine's environment and economy.

Please re- consider this permit and do not issue one. there is so much at stake for Maine .

Thank You
Susan True

York, Marylisa

From: jeanniegfoss <jeanniegfoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:13 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: NO PERMIT FOR CMP. NO CORRIDOR.

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: kathleen masterman <kathleensmasterman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:39 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No thank you CMP
Attachments: 20200327_142909.jpg

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Dear Commissioner Jerry Reid:

Attached is a letter from Commissioner Edward Sullivan to my uncle (born March 27, 1919) in observance of the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, when the department's motto was 'Serving Maine People & Protecting Their Environment'.

I oppose the 3-13-20 DEP draft permit for the CMP powerline for the same reasons my uncle, Ed Sprague, challenged the paper company's representatives claims that they were good resource managers.

Mainer's knowledge of what is happening in the woods and the Gulf of Maine comes from having lived, worked and recreated here for decades, not from being indoctrinated.
CMP can't fool all the Mainer's about what's going on.

The proposed CMP line is an environmental injustice with proposed clearcuts, pesticides, herbicides, water pollution and soil erosion permanently damaging undeveloped forests, harming wildlife habitat, sensitive wildlife and plantlife and disruption of unique natural offerings for Maine's tourists and natives to enjoy for generations.

The Hydro- Quebec dams are a contributing factor to the unprecedented warming of the Gulf of Maine and destroying Maine's fishing industry. The spring rains and snow melt serve to turn over the silt on the ocean floor to release the vegetation to feed the fish. No food the fish move to deeper waters.

The CMP line will not reduce climate changing pollution, buying cheap fossil fuels to send to existing customers and sending hydropower at a higher price to Massachusetts. This is simply greenwashing dirty electricity, buying low and selling high to states with mandates for an aggressive zero carbon agenda. Fake green energy by trickery.

No thank you CMP, we have had enough of your trickery, we know you cannot be trusted with any deal. This is not good for the climate, the citizens, the habitat or the earth.

The CMP proposal does not serve Maine people or protect their environment.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Masterman

York, Marylisa

From: INFO <INFO@ELDREDGEFLYSHOP.COM>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:05 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No to CMPS Corridor

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Hi Folks,

I would like to voice my opinion of CMP's Corridor. I strongly oppose the corridor and believe CMP shouldn't get a permit to build the corridor because it's a bad deal for Maine's environment and economy.

Sincerely,

Jim Bernstein
Eldredge Bros. Fly Shop
PO Box 69
1480 US Route 1
Cape Neddick, ME 03902
(207) 363-9269
(877) 427-9345
e-mail: info@eldredgeflyshop.com
website: WWW.eldredgeflyshop.com

York, Marylisa

From: Estelle Wellman <EstelleW@r-eassociates.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:39 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: No to corridor

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Environmentally socially pricewise I think I t is impossible to back it it! Please state my opposition to any of it !!!!!

Estelle Wellman

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From: Douglas Yohman <dpyohman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:37 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: NONECEC

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Massachusetts' prerogative is not Maine's choice. The interest of Mainers is to preserve an economy and a way of life which is sustained by an

environment which is attractive to others. Why despoil what is good for this state for another which does not have the foresight to create a sus-

tainable, diversified energy policy? We do not need the electricity. By destroying the scenery and wild life habitat NECEC will impact Maine

negatively and I guarantee that if CMP has anything to do with maintaining the corridor it will end up in our rates. Environmental responsi-

bility means living within our means and setting an example for those who can learn.

York, Marylisa

From: Elizabeth Mehr <eliz.mehr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:27 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: Oppose the corridor

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Hi! I am writing to encourage you to oppose the CMP corridor proposal. I will start by stating the obvious: there is a lot of money to be made by this corridor for CMP, and a lot of political backrubbing to be done by Janet Mills and the Massachusetts Democrats she is looking to appease with her support of the project. This huge pool of money and political capital is the only force behind this issue. Maine citizens do not support the project by huge majority.

Here's why. Our environment is our biggest resource here in Maine. We need to protect it from those who wish to harness it to benefit themselves. Our environmental resources belongs to all of our citizens and we deserve a say in how it is utilized. It should never be in the hands of CMP and Massachusetts politicians.

It is your duty to protect and preserve our environment for our future generations. This project is NOT worth it! Please oppose.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kerr

York, Marylisa

From: Natasha Mayers <mayersnatasha@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:07 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: opposition to CMP corridor

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I believe that CMP shouldn't get a permit to build the corridor because it would be destructive of Maine's environment and would hurt Maine's economy.

Natasha Mayers
Whitefield, ME

York, Marylisa

From: leo <leo.mazerall@fairpoint.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:40 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: opposition to the corridor

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To whom it concerns: I am strongly opposed to the so called clean corridor through western Maine.

(1) It is a bad deal financially for Maine.

(2) Maine already produces more power than we use.

(3) Most of the air pollution that effects Maine comes from the large plants to our West.

None of these plants will shut down if the corridor is built. That said there will be no improvement in air quality.

(4) Canada should not be rewarded for the ecological destruction their flooding caused . Their hydro project pretty much destroyed the eastern caribou herds by drowning hundreds of thousands them .

(5) We would again be putting our energy needs in the hands of a foreign government.

(6) Maine is a very special place because of the areas of semi wildness that it still posses . Once destroyed it can never be recovered.

(7) Timber harvesting even when poorly done will come back . The destruction caused by the corridor will be forever.

(8) Most Mainers are opposed to this project and we will reject it in November.

(9) And Finally Every word that the proponents have claimed about this boondoggle is false . It will not improve air quality, it will not reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy, it will not reduce what Mainers pay for electricity. It will in no way improve the environment or reduce global warming. The benefits will be to those already wealthy investors who support CMP and its foreign holdings and to the State of Mass. DUMP THE CORRIDOR!!!

Thank You Leo H. Mazerall Jr.
Stockton Springs, Maine 04981
207-567-3164
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Ginny Schneider](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: I am opposed to the CMP Power Corridor
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 7:25:11 AM

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Sincerely,

Ginny Schneider
South Portland

Slavery is the legal fiction that a person is property while corporate personhood is the legal fiction that property is a person. – Democracy Calendar

[T]o reduce war taxes is to give every home a better chance. . . . Of all services which the Congress can render to the country I have no hesitation in declaring this one to be paramount.
– Calvin Coolidge, 12/6/23

Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind. - JFK

From: [John Edmonds](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: I oppose CMP's corridor permit.
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:43:03 AM

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I oppose CMP's corridor permit because it is environmentally destructive to Maine's wilderness areas. Additionally, the production and acquisition of hydro power simply to lower the cost of electric power in the face of an unrelenting and unmanageable demand is environmentally and economically irresponsible and unsustainable.

Maine needs to utilize a number of strategies to manage its electricity needs, using increased efficiency and local production (solar, wind, etc) before it looks for outside resources transmitted from far away.

The same goes for Massachusetts, and its utilities don't need to tear Maine's precious wilderness apart to meet their power needs. If they think they DO need the CMP corridor, they need to manage their needs better and/or simply reassess their needs.

Thank you for your review of this matter.

John B. Edmonds
Blue Hill

From: [Anna Baird](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: I oppose the CMP Corridor
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:44:05 AM

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As a long time Mainer who cares about this pristine state and it's wildlife, forests, lands, and waters, I am writing to let you know that I, and all in my family are strongly opposed to the proposed cmp corridor and the harm it will bring with its clear cutting, use of pesticides and other chemicals, and an attempt to build under one of Maine s important rivers! Maine will not be seeing anything but harm from this terrible project.
I'm joining the chorus of those against this travesty.

Dr. Anna M. Baird
Brunswick

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Anna M.Baird, AuD

From: [Churchill, Julie M](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: FW: Info DEP question/comment
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:41:13 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: plynch38@gmail.com <plynch38@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:16 PM
To: Web DEP Info <infodep@maine.gov>
Subject: Info DEP question/comment

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To: infodep
From: Margaret Lynch
Email: plynch38@gmail.com
Phone:
Other contact info:
Reply requested by: Asap

Question or Comment

Hi

I am strongly opposed to the CMP corridor!! I am an avid voter lifelong Mainer and home owner. One CMP is dishonest. They have not made people while as of yet. No end in sight. Two i care about our environment not big business. Thanks to many with too much power there is not competition.

We are paying attention to who voted for what and who hires them. Local voters have a strong voice. Real Maine Business would not cheat a hard working Mainer. Make them pay what's owed and leave our wildlife alone!!!!

Dedicated Advocate and voter

Margaret Lynch

From: [Churchill, Julie M](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: FW: Info DEP question/comment
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:14:16 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: mquint@tds.net <mquint@tds.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Web DEP Info <infodep@maine.gov>
Subject: Info DEP question/comment

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To: infodep
From: mitchell quint
Email: mquint@tds.net
Phone:
Other contact info:
Reply requested by:

Question or Comment

I would like to tell that I support the cmp project necec. this will help the air quality in maine, for us with breathing difficulties. Also the line runs thru my town and it would add to the tax base which we really need here. thank you for your time. mitchell quint

From: [Churchill, Julie M](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: FW: Info DEP question/comment
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:03:59 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: petelh@aol.com <petelh@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Web DEP Info <infodep@maine.gov>
Subject: Info DEP question/comment

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To: infodep
From: Peter Higgins
Email: petelh@aol.com
Phone: petelh@aol.com
Other contact info:
Reply requested by:

Question or Comment

Just heard that you've given approval to the CMP corridor. I hope that's not true. What a freaking boondoggle that is going to be. You must know that the majority of people in the State do not want this and the people along the corridor most decidedly don't want it. This is a great example of the Government not listening to the people. It seems obvious that money (for someone) is the Maine variable here. That this project will make any difference in the quality of air in Maine is a ridiculous joke. A bonehead decision without question.

From: [Churchill, Julie M](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: FW: Info DEP question/comment
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:06:07 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: riverfish7@yahoo.com <riverfish7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Web DEP Info <infodep@maine.gov>
Subject: Info DEP question/comment

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To: infodep
From: Tony Gordon
Email: riverfish7@yahoo.com
Phone: riverfish7@yahoo.com
Other contact info: 2073685592
Reply requested by:

Question or Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge your opposition and denial to the proposed CMP Corridor Project.

I watched a couple sessions of hearings held at UMF. I'm not sure if this was your department's hearing or not. But regardless, I heard several people testify who have first hand knowledge of the area in northwest Maine which will experience the construction of the new section of powerline. These people know the impact the corridor will have on wildlife in general. They were able to testify as to how it will affect specific species. When "cross-examined" by CMP's lawyers or supposed experts, these people were almost ridiculed by people who have no practical knowledge of how a winter deer yard works or the type and amount of vegetation protection a trout stream needs. One lawyer asked if a deer can cross a powerline. Well, of course it can but not so easily in the winter and perhaps when being pursued by coyotes. They didn't seem to grasp the concept of a deer yard and how the size of one is a major protecting factor for the deer. One lawyer has a wildlife admit that the coyote population is declining. A true expert knows animal populations grow and recede in cycles. I could go on with other examples but I think my point is clear. The testimony of on-the-ground and experienced experts needs to be appreciated.

CMP talks about how this corridor will help the environment. One argument is that we are at the end of the environmental pipeline so to speak when it comes to air quality. Perhaps it will help someone but the statement suggests it will help Maine. The large forest that this area is part of does more to help the global air quality than any supposed benefit CMP had invented.

CMP talks about the fact that these forests have been logged for generations. I agree that clear cuts are ugly and are usually replanted plantation style. But the fact is the cuttings grow back and benefit some type of wildlife as they mature. It's not a perfect system but the results are not permanent. The Corridor is permanent.

CMP's record is less than unblemished. It has been unfair to customers with overcharging issues. Two neighboring New England states did not accept this project. But Maine is on the verge of accepting it and accepting the destruction of its unique environment. CMP's commercials are misleading and the company is guided by money. Former Governor Paul LePage has admitted he took money for his support of this project. I do not think Maine should allow such a company to destroy a section of a unique and environmentally important part of the state and world.

CMP uses the legal system to block and delay opposition. Enough people signed the petition for a referendum. It figures CMP uses the law system to protect itself and its project on technicalities.

I visit the area of the new corridor construction to flyfish. I have stopped on a woods road and just sat and marvelled at beautiful vistas. I sit in my canoe on a favorite trout pond, Rock Pond, and look up at a beautiful mountain in one direction and woods in the other. For decades, I have caught and usually released wild trout that

were born and raised in the inlet and/or outlet of the pond. If this corridor is approved I will now sit and in one direction look up at that same beautiful mountain. But now when I look the other way I will be looking up at a massive powerline.

I hope when the department rules on the permit that the members will truly consider the protection of Maine's unique and treasured environment and the creatures which live in it.

Finally, I hesitate to say the following during the current health emergency. I have done a lot of self-reflecting and much hoping for the future of this world and mankind. When and if this emergency passes, I know I will look at life much differently. I am autoimmunized compromised so I say these things with extreme concern. I find myself just hoping to be able to get back to Rock Pond, paddle out onto it, cast a fly, and look around at the beautiful wilderness. As a species, man needs to take care of this only place in the universe in which we know we can survive. Denying the CMP Corridor Project will be Maine's contribution to protecting one fragile part of this place in which we can live.

Thank you
Tony Gordon

From: colleen.redding
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: NO CMP
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:49:05 PM

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Please reconsider the transmission line from Quebec to Lewiston, Maine. Several things to consider are : property values for those residing adjacent to this power line, not to mention the potential health risks associated with EMGs that will be omitted. Let's not forget the pesticides which will be used to keep the tree's and weeds from growing that will poison neighboring streams, lakes and ponds, affecting vegetation and wildlife alike and potentially seeping into drinking water.

The only economic growth will be temporarily and only some areas! The extended total outcome will be devastating in more ways then one!

If nothing else, the residents of Maine have the right to vote on this, NOT have it shoved down our throats!

Sincerely

Karl Redding
Searsport Maine

From: [Me](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: NO CMP
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:47:34 PM

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Sincerely

Colleen Redding
Searsport Maine

Your not fully dressed until you put on a smile !

From: [Trevor McConville](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: No CMP Corridor Permit
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:19:50 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I write to you, not as a resident of Maine, but a lover of nature, a conservationist, and a human being. Though I am a resident of New Jersey and not New England, this fight to protect Maine's wilderness some 400 miles away has been heavy on my heart. CMP has promoted its new corridor by suggesting it would create green energy for the state of Maine, but these claims are only skin deep. First off, this corridor simply uses Maine as a middleman in transporting power from Canada to Massachusetts. Why would we sacrifice the largest unfragmented forest east of the Mississippi, just to be someone else's extension cord? Secondly, this 154-mile corridor will tear through 53 miles of undeveloped Maine wilderness, putting 263 wetlands, 115 streams, 12 inland waterfowl habitats and a variety of native flora and fauna at risk. In addition to the unbuilt 53 miles of corridor, the existing lines will have to be expanded and replaced with powerlines fifty feet higher than the last. The use of pesticides to restrict the growth of Native vegetation would be disastrous for the landscape and its native species. Thirdly, the scar this corridor would leave on the Maine woods will turn away tourists and In-state landowners who take advantage of the sights and sounds of the state, draining the yearly income from the tourism industry. The North Maine woods are a last remaining holdout of untouched wilderness, both as a refuge for wildlife to thrive and for humans to take part in reciprocal conservation. This corridor would be a disaster for the wildlife in the area who depend on this land for survival, and the citizens of New England and the surrounding areas who come to Maine each year to take part in the rich history of the state's wilderness. CMP has constantly made false promises to their supporters in guaranteeing this promise of "clean power", by promoting the idea of reduced carbon emissions for the state. This claim, while true at face value, entirely overshadows the devastation this industrial corridor will have on wildlife in the region. What CMP fails to admit is that the best way to sequester carbon is through our forests, and this corridor would weaken our forest's ability to fight climate change. I respectfully ask that you not to grant permits to NECEC for this project, as it is in the best interest of the state of Maine to reject this corridor. This proposed corridor would affect the rich history of the Maine woods, including hunting, fishing, and backpacking, and will permanently scar this last remaining holdout of wilderness in the Northeast.

Thank you for your time.

Trevor McConville

River Edge, NJ

From: [Rod Byam](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: NO on Permit for Central Maine Power's Transmission Project
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:42:45 PM

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To: Maine DEP 04/07/2020
Attention: Jim Beyer

RE: NO on Permit for Central Maine Power's Transmission Project

I am opposed to Central Maine Power's transmission project for the following reasons:

- It will environmentally damage a unique part of the country:

Unbroken forest lands, without human sprawl, are extremely important to the native animals and plants that live there. The building of a power line in this area will disturb the balance and enable non-native plants to establish themselves in areas they have not yet gained a foothold. We already know how difficult it is to eradicate invasives! Maine DEP needs to realize that this project does not benefit Maine's environment.

- Massachusetts benefits from the Hydro Power, not Maine:

Maine DEP is being asked to approve a power project that doesn't even benefit Maine. Granted, CMP is offering incentives to gain voter approval, but that is not the question and not the answer. The question is, is this an environmentally friendly project for Maine, and I say NO. Major strides are being made in solar generated power, strides that could make projects like this obsolete in a few years. Power generation from Solar needs to be encouraged in Massachusetts, not discouraged by less expensive alternatives (to the current situation) that end up compromising Maine's environment.

- Transmission Towers have a negative visual impact.

New Hampshire defeated Hydro Quebec's attempt to open a corridor in that state, so now they are trying to do the same here in Maine. Our environment is just as important to us here in Maine as it is to New Hampshire residents, but apparently CMP and Hydro Quebec feel we may be less caring! Don't let CMP push us around! Keep our visual fields of view full of trees, not towers.

- What has the 'virus' taught us about air pollution?

Switching to hydro power is not the ultimate way to decrease air pollution! Reduction in air pollution can come from many sources, even changes in how we work. We, as a society, have learned that 'working from home' can be a viable option, which certainly would be environmentally beneficial! Air pollution decreased because of the stay-at-home precautions and businesses that do not rely on customer traffic have learned that they can function without the need of employees commuting on a daily basis.

In Conclusion:

The wildness that remains in northern Maine ought NOT be disturbed by a foreign owned utility company (Hydro Quebec) who has engaged another foreign owned business (Central Maine Power) to be their sponsor. Running an extension cord through Maine to supply power to Massachusetts is not something I approve of, nor should the Maine DEP. Our environment has already been compromised enough and doesn't need to be damaged any further. Our own, Maine DEP, ought to reject this project.

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Dear Department of Environmental Protection Commissioners,

Spain-owned CMP/Avangrid/Iberdrola's NECEC is a detriment to the way of life for the people who live in the areas impacted by its construction. Hailed as Vacationland, this area of Maine attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year who come here to get away from ugly infrastructure to enjoy peaceful, beautiful landscapes free of metal towers and power lines.

More importantly, the wildlife and wilderness areas that would be forever scarred by the NECEC need protection from development. If this project goes through, then on its heels will be more expansion like wind towers, maybe pipe lines or even highways, and who knows what other plans greedy developers want to inflict on this region. This area is the largest contiguous forest in the United States east of the Mississippi River; allowing it to be degraded will be on your shoulders; please don't let that happen.

While the Draft DEP Permit contains conditions that will minimize the environmental impacts in discreet areas of the First Segment of the NECEC, it does not cure the overall negative impact this project will have on both the environmental and economic ecosystems in the western mountains of Maine.

Issuing a permit for this massive project will be the death knell for businesses already teetering on the brink from this unprecedented health crisis we are undergoing *right now*. This project will only ensure that our many small businesses in the western Mountains, so dependent on the environment and natural landscape, will never survive.

You have been charged with protecting Maine's environment. If ever there was a time it needed protection, it is now from the likes of NECEC and all it will bring.

Thank you,

Eric J. Sherman
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From: [Dara Crawford](#)
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Subject: Opposition to NECEC
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Dear Mr. Beyer,

Thank you for taking my comments on the proposed energy corridor.

I believe this project is not right for Maine, so I Oppose the NECEC corridor. It may be a good deal for Hydro-Quebec and for Massachusetts, but the incentives for Maine are not enough to justify forever destroying a swath of intact wild forest in the western part of the state, which will negatively impact all other uses of these lands.

Maine needs clean energy and clean energy jobs, and this project addresses neither necessity.

The so-called environmental benefits for the region are merely a talking point with no proven data to support such claims.

We believe Maine should only invest in real clean energy projects that will benefit the state and beyond and lead the way for future generations to continue to enjoy our way of life.

Again, thank you for taking my comments and opposition to the NECEC project.

Very sincerely,
Dara Crawford and family
Limington, Maine

From: [Carrie Warren](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: Say No to NECEC
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:55:19 PM

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According to your website, the DEP's charge is to preserve, improve and prevent diminution of the natural environment of this state. In pursuing your mission, you are to be mindful of the special qualities that make Maine a unique place to live and work.

I am writing to express my opposition to CMP's proposed corridor through the western Maine woods. I feel that this corridor would definitely impact the scenic character of this beautiful area. Powerlines emit electromagnetic fields, which cause health issues to wildlife and pose the threat of starting forest fires which could ruin thousands of acres. The pesticides CMP will use to keep the growth of vegetation off the corridor will poison the wildlife. The environment will suffer when 145 miles of trees are cleared for these lines. Digging up the Kennebec River will greatly impact the fish and the wildlife that need the river to survive. To me, all of these things would definitely cause diminution of the natural environment of this state.

The beauty of our Maine woods is at stake. I urge you to disallow CMP to run these lines through our state, as the cleared land and high towers will destroy the beauty of the region, and impact the fish and wildlife that make the area their home, thereby decreasing the special qualities that make Maine a unique place to live and work.

Carrie Warren
Edgecomb Maine

From: [Jane Palmer](#)
To: [DEP, NECEC](#)
Subject: Reasons for Opposing the NECEC Transmission Corridor
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:32:00 PM

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These are my reasons for strongly opposing the NECEC Transmission Corridor:

** There is no clear evidence at all that this transmission line would reduce the pollution that is causing the climate crisis we face.

** This importation of power from Canada would undermine the development of clean energy projects offering essential employment opportunities for Mainers.

** The NECEC project would cut a 53 mile swath through Maine's undeveloped North Woods,

** thereby damaging essential wildlife habitat.

** By impairing the scenic beauty of Maine's North Woods, the NECEC project would undermine the economy of a region where recreation and tourism are essential sources of income.

**The destructive effects of Hydro Quebec's megadam on the local environment and communities there hardly inspires confidence in the treatment Maine's North Woods communities would receive if this project is allowed to move forward.

Sincerely,
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