

THE STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

APPLICATION FOR SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT ACT PERMIT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT PERMIT  
FOR THE NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT  
FROM QUÉBEC-MAINE BORDER TO LEWISTON  
AND RELATED NETWORK UPGRADES

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

NOAH HALE

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

**TESTIMONY OF NOAH HALE**

1 **Please state your name and address.**

2 My name is Noah Hale and I reside at 2895 Route 201 in West Forks, Maine.

3 **What is the name of your organization and business address?**

4 I am a private citizen.

5 **What is your current position?**

6 I am currently employed as a waiter and bartender at the Hawk's Nest Lodge in West  
7 Forks.

8 **What other occupations have you had in the greater Forks area?**

9 I have also worked as a Registered Maine Whitewater guide and video boater for  
10 CrabApple Whitewater.

11 **Why did you intervene in these proceedings?**

12 The northern forests of Maine are an American treasure, the crown jewels of the  
13 Appalachian trail and in need of our protection. The proposed, NECEC could forever  
14 mar our cherished landscape. With a swath the size of a California Interstate, 100-  
15 foot-tall towers, blinking lights, access roads, hundreds of water ways and  
16 ecosystems destroyed, loss of livelihoods, damaged property values, human health  
17 hazards and more. At the end of the day, for what? So, a foreign-owned company  
18 can sell an inconsistent foreign product to another state. Plain and simple. I am going  
19 to speak frankly. As a representative of the common Mainers, we see what this is, we  
20 see who is doing it, and we are beyond frightened. I could go on and on about how  
21 this proposed project is a disgrace to the North Woods of Maine and Maine's great  
22 citizens but I will leave you with this. Where is the need? Tax breaks? "Jobs"? Fast

- 1 internet? Do the right thing. Do not approve NECEC. Let TDI Vermont bury their
- 2 approved transmission line in Vermont.

Date: 2/21/2019

Respectfully submitted,

By: Noah Hale  
Print Name: Noah Hale

STATE OF Maine  
COUNTY OF Somerset

Personally appeared before me on the above-named Noah Hale, who being duly sworn, did testify that the foregoing testimony was true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Before me,



Notary Public/Attorney at Law  
My Commission expires 6/29/22

