Sandra, please feel free to use my testimony.

Best regards,

Sue

This is simply unacceptable. We've lost three towns to a CMP holding pond, Flagstaff Lake, for power in this area. We don't want anymore high-handed CMP action changing our landscape. This project proposes to cross the AT three times. Is the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service going along with this? How can we compromise this national trail that has shown it has both economic and social value? This area of Maine is special for its 'Wild and Scenic' value and it draws thousands and thousands of tourism dollars through hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, rafting, camping, hiking, etc. It's made up of small towns and businesses that cater to the like. The people that live here, are here for the quality of life it provides...sacrificing big money jobs down south for a meager living in the woods. I as well as many others, oppose the NECEC project because its in direct conflict with our quality of life, in addition to the fact that there are NO clear benefits to the area, or the State of Maine. Sacrificing our most critical assets, our mountains and rivers, for the sake of a power line for Massachusetts, is not an option. Particularly when Massachusetts has its own natural resources that it chooses not to exploit. I have been to western Mass to fish many times and seen the beautiful mountains and rivers there. Mass needs to create its green power itself? There are certainly plenty of rivers and mountains for dams, wind towers, and power lines in their back yard, but apparently Maine is expected to sacrifice its beauty instead.

Thank you,

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