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The following letter may be submitted by Sandra Howard.

To whom it may concern,

I have had the opportunity to spend quite a bit of time on the Kennebec River. Personally I love the Kennebec and all of the pristine wilderness it has to offer. So much so, that I became a whitewater guide, and drive up to Maine every weekend. I have been a registered Maine Guide since 2004. More importantly though, I cannot adequately express the impact that wilderness has on people that come up to go rafting. The “remoteness” and beauty the area has, is such a draw. The impact of such an “untouched” wilderness is overwhelming to some. People routinely and emphatically express a strong desire to come back and experience it again, and more often. I often have repeat customers coming back. Destroying the views and the wilderness will not only change the scenery, but will alter the tourist experience and spending patterns.
You will be destroying the land and adversely affecting the tourist dollars that flow into your state just as effectively as if you turned off the water at the dam.
Please for your own sake, and the environment. Don’t let this come to fruition.
The Ma law requiring more “green” energy is a step in the right direction, for sure. Destroying Maines’s wilderness to achieve that goal doesn’t seem to be in line with those ideals. The power coming from Canada is NOT as “green” as CMP would like us to think. The transmission lines absolutely should be done in a manner with as little environmental impact as possible.This is about profits for CMP, and its Spanish parent company. This isn’t about Ma. or Me. It surely isn’t about doing something positive for the people of Maine, or the untouched beauty of the great state of Maine. This seems, to me, to be a Profit motivated move and actually has nothing to do with being “green” or with any environmental conservation concerns.

Please keep Maine the wild beauty that I have come to know and love.

Thank you,

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