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My name is Charles J Hopkins I live at 92 Rawson St. Leicester Massachusetts. My phone # is 508-892-8233. I give permission to Sandra Howard to submit my sworn statement.

                I strongly oppose this transmission line from Canada to Massachusetts. This transmission line will desecrate one of the prettiest most scenic semi-wilderness areas east of the Mississippi river. There is no true wilderness east of the Mississippi river! We need to protect what semi-wilderness we have left because you can`t turn it back once you`ve desecrated it.

                This area is the home of the finest wild brook trout fisheries there is left east of the Mississippi river. Wild brook trout is a remaining symbol of lands we have not polluted or warmed up to a point of no survival of wild trout. This transmission line would hurt the wild trout populations! Any temperature rise due to global warming, cuts along our streams and herbicides to control growth will hurt these pristine waters and hurt our symbol of clean water the wild brook trout!

                The famous canoe trip known as the bow trip is going to be affected by having this line cross the moose river and its tributaries.  People come to Maine to experience the outdoors uninterrupted by the ugly site of powerlines amidst your semi-wilderness areas. Tourism is what Maine likes to see lots of people to enjoy this boreal forest. This transmission line would hurt tourism because of the desecration of the semi-wilderness. The scenic Attean overlook on route 201 before Jackman is spectacular. It just don`t get any prettier than that anywhere! If this is done, we`ll see the poles and cut from this line at the scenic overlook. This view of the Moose river valley would never be the same! This line would ruin many great hikes including NO. 5 mountain. Transmission lines are not what we want to see when you are supposed to be enjoying the forest. It will hurt tourism!

                Massachusetts wants to get power thru Maines semi-wilderness in order to not have to pursue offshore wind power and other renewable energy. Their views of the ocean is pretty important that they want to run a powerline 200 miles thru Maines semi-wilderness. Instead of obscuring their view of the ocean…  Massachusetts needs to find its own power within its borders by building and investing a natural gas power plant with as much renewables as they can muster up. Let New York buy their power from a foreign country Mass should be able to do better and get a independent power supply!

                Having a transmission line that long you have a large amount of voltage loss. This loss is why this line is not efficient in anyway. Whenever it rains or snows you will hear the crackle of moisture hitting the line. The line is too long.

I just don`t see the benefit to Maine and its people. I see the benefit to mass. No offshore windmills ruining the view. They don`t have to build a power plant. All they got to do is desecrate Maine semi-wilderness!