September 14, 2018

Dear Maine PUC,

I strongly OPPOSE the NECEC. As a proponent of Maine (hosting a Maine based travel adventure series "From Away”) Is explore this state from end to end telling the stories of its people and local trades. I have been gifted to be able to meet and show the world what an extraordinarily unique place and experience we have in the northern woods. People watch my show or go to the North woods because it is so completely different than the world they know. It is our duty as Mainers and stewards of the land to protect special places like these on an ever changing and shrinking world. There are of course many other reasons. The absolutely limited if any impact to Maine energy payers. The still unanswered questions of where exactly this power is coming from and if it is completely new sustainable energy or are they simply diverting it from one place to the next. The tremendous environmental impact from a 400-foot-wide corridor 53 miles long over several sensitive habitats the questionable at best way CMP started and funded the WMRC which CMP admitted to not involving the entire community and only wanting a specific group of people to talk with that they have had previous relationships with to ultimately mitigate a sum of money that did not reflect the voices of the community it will be impacting. As well as doing it at a time where those businesses are most busy running raft companies and other tourist based activities. I have video evidence of these claims, not opinion based.

I give Sandi Howard permission to submit this at the hearing.

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