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To: DEP, NECEC Subject: NO CMP Corridor

I am writing to express concern regarding the CMP powerline corridor cutting through some of the pristine areas of our beautiful state.

I am a land owner along the western shore of Moxie Lake in The Forks Plantation. My family has enjoyed outdoor activities in these pristine areas of our beautiful state for generations. Recreation is a driving economic force in this area of Somerset county. These natural resources, if allowed to be taken up by industrial greed, will never be the same.

At the Spring meeting of the Lake Moxie Campers Association, a spokesperson for CMP presented plans for the corridor that showed widening an existing powerline. They seemed to have a thoughtful approach that would least disturb the area around Lake Moxie and the camp owners and visitors who enjoy this beautiful part of the state.

What they failed to share with the group were the plans over the currently undisturbed Kennebec River gorge. I was appalled to learn of plans to bisect The Gorge with overhead powerlines visible to rafters/hikers/anglers and others who visit this beautiful wilderness area. I was further appalled to learn of plans to come within 25 feet of existing water bodies and watershed areas, while private landowners are required to maintain at least 100 feet of natural habitat along those same waterways. And for whose benefit? Not for the long term benefit of the people of Maine!

I strongly oppose allowing CMP to develop a corridor outside of its existing route and urge you to deny approval of this CMP powerline corridor through Somerset county. Please protect the interest of the people of Maine in protecting our most valued natural resource!

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