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**To:** DEP, NECEC  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] Comment on NECEC

Mr. Beyer,

My wife and I live 12 miles from the paved road in T5 R7 BKP WKR. We have solar power for our electricity.

I am writing to you about this most critical time for the Maine Woods. What is happening now will determine the future of these woods. This last wilderness in the east has remained undeveloped for hundreds of years because of the timber industry. Now this is all changing because the land is being sold out.

Once we lose it to progress and development, it will be gone forever. We need to preserve this land for future generations to come to a place of quality where people can find peace, to camp, hike, canoe, hunt, fish, and enjoy! A place to connect with nature. This is what we would lose if we don't fight rampant development.

As more and more information is coming forth about this CMP/Avangrid corridor from HydroQuebec to Massachusetts, it is clear that this project is only the beginning and will open the door to future development. The line could be expanded to 1500' for many other uses, such as windmills on all the mountains, East West Highway, gas pipeline, etc.

This whole new infrastructure will negatively affect the wildlife (lynx, fisher, marten, wood turtles), fish (brook trout, salmon), and the water (drinking water for the whole area, Jackman, and down river).

We are part of the “Say NO to NECEC” group fighting to stop this corridor and to preserve the Maine Woods. It is becoming clear to us that this project is a way for big companies to make a lot of money by transmitting power over a long distance. The information is all out in the open now that shows this is not green power and not for Maine at all. Very few short-term jobs, bogus statements of tax dollars, and all the environmental harm it will do is a never ending list. All this information is now there for the public to see. We all know the important species of animals, fish, and plants that live here and require an unbroken woods. Some that are just now coming back into their own. This fight is no more political than anything else in this modern world.

As more and more people join the fight for the survival of our Maine Woods, we need the nature organizations to make their voices heard. We need to protect this nature we have, the Maine Woods, not just a few acres here and there. This is the last large tract of contiguous woods in the east. Whoever is not willing to have a voice must realize what could be lost. It is our DUTY to protect the wilderness.

If this corridor is permitted to proceed, it would show that the Bad has power over the Good and Right.

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