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Dear Jim and Bill -

Please add this public comment to the NECEC docket.

Governor Mills' backyard votes overwhelmingly against CMP corridor - In a standing-room only meeting, Wilton residents voted to rescind support and take on a position of formally opposing NECEC. All but one resident voted to oppose the CMP corridor. The lone holdout wanted the town rescind support and take a neutral stance. Tonight's town vote officially changes the town's position, which was previously in support of the project according to a November 2017 letter from the Wilton Select Board. See video link here to see the final decision from the meeting:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1uxjo-FzV0chrXapf07fMmyCMUbBme3LJ>

Wilton joins other towns along the corridor to rescind support and oppose the project. To date, there are NO towns that support NECEC along the 53.5 mile new segment from the Quebec border to The Forks and there is growing grassroots opposition in Franklin county. The town of Wilton joins the NECEC opposition alongside towns of Jackman, Dennistown, Moose River, West Forks, The Forks, Caratunk, Embden, and Alna. It appears that CMP has not kept up with decreasing municipality support according to the NECEC website, which still identifies Embden and Wilton in favor of the project: <https://www.necleanenergyconnect.org/endorsements#municipalities>

Despite CMP's/Avangrid's efforts to garner support by promising financial incentives to PUC parties and the Governor, the true will of Mainers is clear - NECEC is bad for Maine's environment, way of life, and it will not reduce global CO2 emissions", said Sandra Howard, Director of the grassroots nonprofit organization Say NO to NECEC. The people of Maine are speaking to Say NO to NECEC. We hope the Governor Mills, DEP, LUPC, and PUC decision-makers consider NECEC's negative impacts and reject the CMP Corridor. Farmington, hometown to Governor Mills, will hold a town vote on March 25th, which is likely to result in an outcome to rescind support. We urge Maine's approval agencies to deny this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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