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Subject: NECEC public comment RE: FCC rescinds support

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Good morning,

Please read and add this public comment to the NECEC record.

The Franklin County Commissioners voted to rescind support of NECEC and move to a neutral position on 3/19/19. Currently, all towns along the new 53.5 mile segment of the corridor have voted to oppose or rescind support including: Jackman, Dennistown, Moose River, Caratunk, West Forks, The Forks. In addition, Embden, Wilton, and Alna have rescinded support and now Franklin County has withdrawn support! Here's more information about the FCC's vote to withdraw support of NECEC: <a href="https://www.centralmaine.com/2019/03/19/franklin-county-commissioners-withdraw-support-for-necec-project/?fbclid=lwAR01\_TLi5VRs10iiE--3aXaV6T1U-XnuUruUKPluyYA-WdY4iOhGX2b9ISQ">https://www.centralmaine.com/2019/03/19/franklin-county-commissioners-withdraw-support-for-necec-project/?fbclid=lwAR01\_TLi5VRs10iiE--3aXaV6T1U-XnuUruUKPluyYA-WdY4iOhGX2b9ISQ</a> The Franklin County Commissioners did the right thing by rescinding their support for CMP's corridor. They did exactly what elected officials should do: they looked at all the information about how bad this corridor would be, they listened to their voters' overwhelming opposition to the corridor, and they decided that the corridor is a bad deal for Maine. I urge all of our Say NO to NECEC members to thank the commissioners for making a good decision that will help protect Maine's environment and economy for generations to come. The thousands of members in my group don't want a New Jersey-turnpike sized transmission corridor through the woods and mountains we recreate and work in and we urge all Mainers to let their elected officials know how bad this project would be.

Thank you, Sandra Howard Caratunk, Maine 603-475-4566