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I live in York, a few miles from the NH line near the Kittery Trading Post. I simply can't make it to the hearing in Farmington but I'd like to explain my opposition to you. About a decade ago CMP ran a new power corridor down I-95, within sight of my home and adjacent to my woodlot. I had hoped, as promised, that eventually things would return to their original state in the vicinity. They haven't. The power line created a wasteland of stunted scrub. First the cottontails disappeared...loss of habitat. Next the deer moved. The clearcut made the roar of I-95, 24 hours a day, worse than ever. Replantings were a complete failure. Where I once hunted, deer have nothing to eat and the wintering yard has been destroyed. CMP only allows vegetation to grow a couple feet high then slash it and leave the blowdown. I had tried to recreate rabbit habitat on my woodlot with brush piles and openings. Experts in rabbit restoration say that cottontails won't cross the barriers of I-95 and the power corridor. They don't feel transplanting the rabbits will work either. And it may be just a coincidence but invasive Fragmities are beginning to cover the marsh under the power line where the soil was disturbed and now they plan to expand this same corridor to send power to Massachusetts where they are willing to pay more for Hydro Quebec power than those already using it in Vermont and upstate New York. Where will they get a clean source of power to replace their present supply? This is a zero sum game and Maine is downwind of whatever carbon emitting generating source they're forced to adopt. CMP and their new owners have no interest in Maine other than profit. If you look at the offer they have made us and divide the compensation by the million+ of us it is supposed to help it will be a pittance and one paid out over forty years. That takes us to 2059 when I will be 113. This is soon going to be a scar across the face of Maine which New Hampshire refused to allow. I know that there are many needy people in Northern Maine. My daughter, a Colby graduate was a rafting guide while in college and we noticed on our visits that there wasn't much going on economically but timber and tourism in the most impacted areas. I can't imagine CMP being honestly interested in my welfare or my children's future and am reminded of this with every electric bill. A primary reason for Maine's lack of economic growth is CMP's high utility rates. There is no competition. Don't allow this project. It is not good for Maine.  
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