

Kirkland, April

From: Leah Boyd <leah@peacefulpurpose.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 12:50 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Corridor

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside of the State of Maine Mail System. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Re: the proposed CMP transmission line.

I am writing to let you know that I strongly disagree that the CMP corridor would be beneficial to the people of Maine. *Mainers will gain nothing* from this project but a spoiled environment upon which their economy, vitally depends.

The corridor would *fragment the largest contiguous temperate forest in North America and perhaps the world*. It would cross 724 lakes, ponds, and wetlands and the chemical spraying necessary to maintain the corridor would impact each and every one of them. Roads associated with the project would cross 184 streams in the heart of the last stronghold of wild brook trout in the United States.

The corridor also *endangers Maine's renewable energy future* because new renewable projects that would provide real, provable greenhouse gas benefits would not be able to hook up to the grid due to congestion from Hydro-Quebec electricity imports.

Despite its massive marketing campaign, CMP has *not provided any evidence that its transmission corridor will actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions* rather than simply shift greenhouse gas emissions from one region to another. It may simply allow Hydro-Quebec to shift sales from existing customers to a more lucrative market in Massachusetts. Those existing customers will have to make up the difference, likely with fossil fuels.

The CMP transmission corridor *is the largest proposed industrial project in Maine in decades*. It has the potential to harm Maine's clean water, its wildlife, its workers, and its clean energy future. CMP has made claims about greenhouse gas emissions reductions the focus of its marketing efforts for this project, all while offering no real evidence of overall greenhouse gas reductions.

Maine does not have to make *these inordinate sacrifices for the sole benefit of the State of Massachusetts*, a State with far more wealth and resources to develop their energy solutions than Maine.

This is a truly detrimental project for Maine. Do not allow its development.

Sincerely,

Leah Boyd

--

Leah Boyd
Peaceful Purpose Mediation Services
www.peacefulpurpose.us
1-877-833-1372 home office
207-890-1549 cell

"Your heart knows the way, run in that direction ~ Rumi

"The human soul doesn't want to be advised or fixed or saved. It simply wants to be witnessed."
~ Parker Palmer