

Written comments and concerns for the proposed CMP corridor (under construction).

DATE: 22 November 2021

TO: State of Maine,  
Dept. of Environmental Protection  
And Board of Environmental Protection  
Augusta, Maine

Hello,

This written letter with comments, concerns and remarks pertaining to the Central Maine Power (CMP) Corridor or new powerline corridor to connect into Hydro-Quebec power grid.

It is my belief, contention and personal viewpoint, that CMP and its parent company, AVANGRID, Inc., a foreign-owned and operated Corporation, has illegally, hastily and prematurely begun the construction of its proposed hydro-electric powerline and corridor clearance work for this new powerline corridor tying into the Hydro-Quebec power grid, for the benefit of Massachusetts power customers and minimally helping and benefiting Maine power consumers for power use. Also, I believe and contend that the full environmental process and review was not fully completed or complied with, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act ( NRPA). In addition, I believe that undue and/or illegal influence upon this referendum question, has been utilized by foreign-owned CMP, under the ownership of , a part of IBERDROLA, S.A., a foreign-owned entity.

The recent November referendum election was conducted and held. The results were as follows:  
**59%** of Mainers voted **Yes**, to ban and to stop the CMP corridor, currently under construction vs.  
**41%** of Mainers who voted **No**, to keep the construction going and approving CMP's corridor. Until very recently, CMP and its contractors continued the construction and powerline clearance work after the Nov. election. Such operations should have been curtailed and suspended. That happened after the election results were certified last week.

Unless incorrect or mistaken or mis-informed, there seems or appears to be possible conflict and/or non-conformance issues as they relate to NEPA and/or NRPA, by CMP and AVANGRID, Inc. I am unaware of any Environmental Assessments and/or Environmental Impact Statements being done and approved for this project. Perhaps a form of them were done pursuant to NRPA. I have reasons to believe that wildlife habitat and/or fisheries habitat, maybe potentially compromised or harmed, though further information to address these concerns would be very beneficial and helpful. Also, wildlife corridor connectivity and continuity issues seem apparent to me, though this maybe up for debate. At the outset of these issues, it appears or seems that this whole project and matter were rushed and implemented hastily and prematurely as there appears to be non-conformance to the aforementioned environmental acts and laws. That being the case, the project should've not been approved nor allowed to happen, until all environmental reviews were completed, with completion of EA's and EIS, and with a Finding of NO Significant Impact (FONSI) done. If this was all done and complied with, then please correct and/or rebut what I believe is the current situation that pertains to the preliminary environmental review process.

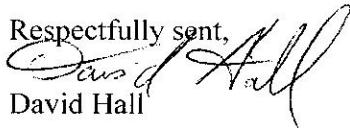
In closing and in summation, it is my belief and contention that CMP and its parent company, Avangrid, Inc., has mislead and confused the Maine people, about its proposed hydroelectric corridor to connect with Hydro-Quebec and its power grid. Further, I believe and contend that all environmental review

processes and steps were not fully complied with, as there appears to be NO EA or EIS done with a FONSI, as previously stated and referenced. These are critical and essential elements in the environmental review process. Therefore, there is the appearance of non-conformance and non-compliance to the state and federal environmental acts and laws.

Please suspend all Environmental Permits at once for this project. Also, ME DEP must take all needed and appropriate actions to mitigate for any or all environmental site damages and issues pertaining to all fisheries and wildlife habitat, as well as all potential aquifer and potential stream damage. Perhaps at another time, after all legal reviews and court actions have been done, that all can re-visit these challenging matters at a future time. Please have the contractors mitigate for any current or forthcoming environmental site damages to the landscape of western ME.

Thank you very much for your attention, time and consideration, in regards to these delicate matters regarding the CMP corridor.

Respectfully sent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hall", written over the typed name.

David Hall