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to Maine Department of Environmental Protection re CMP Corridor

The people of Maine voted 59-41 to ban the CMP Corridor, so construction must stop immediately

The new law poses a significant change in circumstances that warrants the immediate suspension of the DEP permit

DEP must act now to protect Maine's environment from unnecessary damage for a project that is likely be halted by the courts

Humanity has been provided with a fusion reactor supplying enough energy in an hour to meet total world energy needs for a year. 6 years ago I got 36 solar panels that provide the grid with over 13,000 kwh of electricity per year for which the utility supplies me equivalent power for my all-electric home. With a battery pack in the basement I could be completely off-grid collecting energy from the sun & storing it for later use. Others could also get sunpower with zero marginal cost, After paying fixed costs electricity would be free, PV panels last a lifetime.

Prices of solar & batteries have fallen 90% per decade down to 2 cents per kwh [at times going negative where grids have been solarized. ] A high voltage power line connecting Canadian hydroelectric dams hundreds of miles to customers cannot compete in price with it. 10 years after being built, a proposed power line ruining our Maine northwest forest paid for by ratepayers would sit unused.

Technology has reached an inflection point where solar energy is significantly cheaper than all fossil fuels: coal , natural gas & oil, but we still use obsolete technology. why? It takes money knowhow & initiative to replace existing energy systems. Electrification is a daunting task.

A national treasure - the Maine northwest woodland was the USA's largest contiguous undeveloped forest wilderness east of the Mississippi River.

A witness testified that CMP had no permission to build on publicly-owned part of CMP corridor, yet photos show CMP contractors have despoiled, deforested & bulldozed wildlife habitat, Trees & other plants containing chlorophyll exposed to the sun absorbing CO2 from air & create cellulose tree trunks, branches & roots, emitting oxygen needed for human life.

Corridor proponents advertized with misrepresentations. misinformation. propaganda & erroneous fabricated fiction to convince people to vote "NO" on referendum Question 1 – to stop the CMP Corridor. . Witnesses testifying at previous hearings on this project have been opposed to the Corridor - the majority of Maine people never wanted to build the Corridor.

One of the proponents' advertised lies was that corridor opponents are funded by the fossil fuel industry [ *because hydro is clean energy .* ]

People opposing the corridor. are citizens not wanting wilderness destroyed - not people funded by big oil & gas.. Excess CO2 is causing climate change. Trees remove CO2. The Corridor removes trees. *Corridor energy isn't clean energy* : it adds CO2 to the atmoshere by reducing vegetation - worsening the excess CO2 problem.

The wrong that the utilities have perpetrated is immeasurable. they should replant trees destroyed on the corridor - not make ratepayers pay for it - should be severely punished; so their crimes against nature will never be repeated..

Please rescind permission for these reasons.

*With Best Regards,*

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