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From: Audrey Brown <audreybrown@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:34 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Corridor

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Please advise CMP that until the public has voted one way or another to stop going forward with this project. All efforts are appreciated. Audrey Brown

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Scott Bockus <scott.bockus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:37 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Corridor Concerns

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing today to ask you to deny CMP's application for 53 miles of new transmission line corridor through Western Maine. It would permanently damage habitat for one of the last remaining strongholds of wild brook trout in the country as well as scar an otherwise beautiful section of the country many here in New England and along the East Coast cherish dearly. This all an an attempt to provide more energy to Massachusetts, a state which shows no signs of slowing down its energy use.

Clean energy can be a viable form of energy if done correctly, but we shouldn't forget that energy is energy, and to produce it, clean or otherwise, we must alter the natural environment in some way. If we burn fossil fuels, we produce green house gasses. If we build hydro-electric dams and run transmission lines through wild places, we destroy habitat and change natural patterns. The only real solution to the energy crisis is to use less of it, plain and simple. Until then, it would be a real shame for Maine to have to bite this bullet for Massachusetts.

Please listen to the people of Maine, environmental groups, the Appalachian Mountain Club, sportsmen and recreational users everywhere and deny this application.

Also, due to our current situation with the coronavirus, please extend the public comment period for this critical issue. We would all be very thankful.

Much Appreciated,

Scott Bockus.

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From: Gerald Clancy <gclancy459@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:07 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Corridor Hearing (deadline 3/27)

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To: Mr Jim Beyer,

As a retired School Principal, Biologist & World Traveler, I can't understand why we are, seemingly so easily, accepting the terms of this Power Corridor. Besides some of the paperwork & permits being rushed, the concept of how much Maine is losing and how little Maine is gaining from this deal is stunning. There are few long term positions, minimum electric benefits or access, and a huge environmental eyesore and scar. (All to serve Boston & the Power Companies ?). It's easy and sad to imagine the miles of hacked Forests & Streams with Service roads, High Voltage lines & red & white - No Trespassing signs across rare and pristine land, it's harder to think about why. Unless it could be safely buried underground, and there is a significant improvement in our electric costs/access, I am totally opposed to this construction. (And to the decisions and profits made by a few State 'movers & shakers').
Respectfully,

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From: Peter Wright <pbwright42@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:42 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Corridor Permit

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Dear Mr. Beyer,

Please do NOT issue CMP a permit to build a corridor through Maine.

In addition to harming our environment and our economy, the world needs trees to help capture carbon from the atmosphere and return it to the ground. The entire world, including Maine, needs to practice Regenerative Agriculture in order to save our climate!

We must build up our solar and wind power, NOT CMP.

With sincerity,

Peter B. Wright
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From: Julie Mathieu <jamathieu@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:51 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Corridor resident concern

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Hello,

As a resident of Skowhegan Maine I am writing today to express my grave concerns over this proposed corridor for a number of reasons.

First and foremost is the destruction to our environment both here and in Canada. Once destroyed it will never be what it is now.

Secondly, I am very concerned about the shady practices of CMP. They have shown over and over again that they are not to be trusted to look out for the interest of the people.

Thirdly, it is my understanding that the proper reviews to the potential damage to the environment have not occurred despite repeated pressures to see that this happens.

At some point, and not just in Maine and our own country, but globally we need to make decisions to make our environment a priority over money.

Julie Mathieu and Wayne Allen
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From: David Plimpton <plimpton.david@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:02 PM
To: DEP, NECEC; Stop the Corridor; Hobbins, Barry
Subject: CMP Corridor/pipeline project

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Dear Mr. Beyer,

I am a Maine resident writing to register my objections to NECEC and to set forth the reasons I believe the Maine DEP should not approve its construction.

First, this project will in effect shunt aside solar power potential in Maine perhaps indefinitely. The immense potential of solar power for our future needs is being ignored by public officials. One day's sun would power the entire energy needs of this nation for one year. Maine has thousands and thousands of acres of former farm land that will never be used for farming and may be unsuitable for any other use than producing solar.

Solar is largely clean carbon free power and once battery or other storage technology is developed, the sky's the limit, pun intended. And the storage problem is only for solar producers off the grid. The City of South Portland is pursuing solar power for municipal purposes big time, as are other municipalities, businesses and homeowners, especially as electricity rates increase.

Second, I've been involved over the years in the negotiation of many commercial, financing and construction deals for sophisticated parties, including power co-generation deals involving biofuel and hydro. The offered \$258M for Maine over 40 years breaks down to about \$5 a year for each resident. So for a family of 4, that's \$20 a year even assuming the alleged benefits went directly to ratepayers. Residents routinely pay hundreds of dollars a year in CMP bills. Any payout should be no more than 10 years. Money talks and it has to talk fast or else most such deals make no sense.

This deal was a secret one and clearly not an arms-length one, which should give huge pause to regulators in and of itself

If the residential ratepayers had been at the table as stakeholders with sophisticated representation, CMP and its special interests would have been laughed out of the room. So, yes indeed, let the ratepayers, the public and public interest groups have their say, because, with respect, their interests have not been well-represented by the Public Advocate, Barry Hobbins and his staff or by the Governor, strike that, then Gubernatorial candidate.

Any negotiation should also have taken into account the chances Hydro Quebec or CMP or a viable successor may not even be around in 40 years or even a much shorter period. If not, who is going to step up to the plate then? I predict no one. And I also predict this transmission line may well never be built, even if it gets needed approvals and overcomes the revolt of affected municipalities throwing up hurdles, which may require litigation by CMP and Hydro Quebec. By rights it should collapse by its own weight.

Third, No construction project in the history of the world has ever come in on budget. CMP can't even run a simple billing system. They booted much of the smart meter project, the PUC helping by waving aside serious health, privacy

and effectiveness questions. How are they going to manage, implement and finish this huge project on budget and on time, in the meantime in effect stymieing other renewable energy projects that could be moving forward?

Fourth, The Hydro Quebec-CMP 145-mile transmission line will eat up more than the estimated 945 acres. That would be about 6.5 acres per mile or about .0012 acres per foot, or about 52 square feet for each foot of transmission line, for a 50 foot wide transmission line. Roughly 50 miles of the line would require clearing a 150-foot wide corridor. The rest of the line would run along an already established transmission corridor, but would need to be widened by another 75 to 85 feet. Rough math would therefore postulate an average of 100 feet plus wide for the transmission line or about 2 times the 945 acres estimated. That's about 2,000 acres (over three square miles of forests), not even considering access roads and staging areas that may be have to be created.

Fifth, all the interconnected special interests and their actions pushing this project should be looked into by the Press and regulatory authorities. Peter Mills, the Governor's brother, is also Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority. a governmental agency. Is it appropriate for the Maine Turnpike Authority to be, in effect, supporting this project, one way or the other?

A principal of Western Maine Mountains & Rivers, formed to support the project, is Larry Warren, formerly CEO of the Sugarloaf Ski Area. He is a director of the Kleinschmidt Group, a consulting firm specializing in such area as hydro engineering, marine renewables and related regulatory matters.

Wait a minute! Isn't hydro what Hydro Quebec does and the source of power for this misguided project? In return for all the money coming from CMP to Western Maine Mountains & Rivers, is that group, though supposedly a non-profit, lobbying for and advising Hydro Quebec and CMP on the transmission project, perhaps also opening the way for later hydro projects for Hydro Quebec, or a Maine subsidiary, in Maine?. This project, and the secretive deal for Governor Mills to support it (with a pittance for Maine people and small energy consumers) put together by candidate Mills, the Public Advocate and Tony Buxton, lawyer for the large Maine industrial energy users, smells worse every day.

Sixth, A major problem with the project is the environmental cost, including the extensive deforestation contemplated. Those who think that the deforestation going on in the world, only made worse by projects like the miles-long, clear cut for, and construction of, a CMP transmission line and all kinds of construction projects going on all over the world, does not accurately presage the extinction of mankind, sooner than we think, should read the new novel, "Overstory", in which trees and forests are the key protagonists, by Richard Powers. As he points out we're destroying the planet.

You'd think we could learn something from trees, which predate man by tens of millions of years. They clean the air and provide innumerable benefits to mankind, but they also need our help. Trees are disappearing at an alarming rate, including all kinds of forest die-back, all made worse by warming, and thousands of square miles a year converted to development, an annual net loss of one hundred billion trees. Half the wood species on the planet will be gone by the end of this century.

Powers believes trees have crucial things to tell us, and if we ignore their message, they will have the final say. So a key question is whether we're reached a point in history where mankind must cease dominating and exploiting nature, accept the fact that we're part of an interconnected ecosystem, and act accordingly. The alternative may well be a planetary catastrophe. So far, stark scientific data has not convinced individuals, businesses and their governments to take this choice seriously. I hope they do soon for my grandchildren's sake.

Seventh, CMP says they're going to carry out the project through a subsidiary. So now the corporate structure implicated by this project, including a just-announced merger involving PPL, a Pennsylvania company, may well be (though I may not be up to date on some details): Iberdrola to Avangrid to PPL to CMP to construction subsidiary. Wow, five layers! Certainly any investor or lender or contractor involved in this project should ask: how well capitalized will the

subsidiary be. Will any entities damaged by the actions of the subsidiary have to look to that old equitable stand-by: piercing the corporate veil, available when a corporate actor has not been adequately capitalized by the parent corporation or shareholders? for the public and ratepayers sake, I hope not.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,
David Plimpton

York, Marylisa

From: James Doyle <moxiemaineman58@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:48 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Power Corridor, Dear Sir, Begging to please not issue the permit for the power corridor. Terrible plan that will scar our north woods for centuries to come. We don't get anything from it and we don't need it Please sir do not issue the permits. Tha...

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From: landerson2077 <landerson2077@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:22 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP Power Line

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I fully support the CMP Power Line project.
Paul Anderson
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Augusta, ME 04330

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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From: Walter Hickson <wthickson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:00 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP powerline

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There is no permanent benefit to Maine to allow CMP to destroy a 145 mile long corridor through Maine, just to supply electricity to Mass.

Yes there will be some temporary construction jobs, but no long term ones.

This is pretty short sighted on the IBEW's part

Towns along the route are opposed despite the increase in taxes

This should tell you something

The powerline would connect to existing transmission lines in Lewiston and go directly to Mass. to satisfy their desire for "green energy"

If Mass. residents want "green energy" they should allow windmills across their state and off shore instead of worrying about their views.

Maine should not have to degrade our state to satisfy another's goals.

Thank you,

Walter Hickson

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Orrington, Me

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From: Bob Washburn <nordryn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:02 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: cmp transmission line

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This project is bad for Maine. Removing 50+ miles of trees can in no way be good for the environment. Maine doesn't get any benefit from this as the whole intent was for Quebec to transmit power to Massachusetts. and saving 40 cents on my phone bill is not worth losing the trees that many woodland animals and birds as well as the fish in the waters call home.

I have not met one person in Maine who is in favor of this disaster.

Sincerely, Bob Washburn,
Norridgewock

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From: cdongag <cdongag@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 6:34 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP transmission line construction

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Dear JI'm Beyer,

After reading a lot about this project I find that I can not agree with it. Please reconsider this and do not issue a license for this project which will not benefit Maine but will destroy so much of it's beauty.

Sincerely,

Candy Gagnon

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab® |PRO

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From: IRENE Sylvain <poilsylvain.is@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:30 AM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP's Transmission Line Project

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Gentlemen:

My wife Irene and I oppose the proposed power project in its present vision. It would definitely cause the many obvious detrimental reasons listed by many people of Maine as well as several environmental organizations. What is especially abhorrent to us is the fact that we would sacrifice tens of thousands of acres of trees which provide life sustaining oxygen for us all as well as sequestering carbon dioxide within their structure preventing excessive carbon to be absorbed into the air.

Why not invest the billion or so dollars into tidal projects along Maine's coast? If you would do so, would it not mean just connecting to presently existing grid close by?

Sincerely,
Paul O. Sylvain
Skowhegan