

THE STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

APPLICATION FOR SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT ACT PERMIT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT PERMIT
FOR THE NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT
FROM QUÉBEC-MAINE BORDER TO LEWISTON
AND RELATED NETWORK UPGRADES

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

TONY DIBLASI

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

TESTIMONY OF TONY DIBLASI

1 **Please state your name and address.**

2 My name is Tony DiBlasi and I reside at 3 Van Tassel Drive in Windham, Maine. I
3 own a second home in Caratunk, Maine.

4 **What is the name of your organization and business address?**

5 I am an individual, private citizen.

6 **What is your current position?**

7 I am currently employed as a corporate trainer.

8 **What other occupations have you had in the greater Forks area?**

9 I have worked as a whitewater rafting guide for Moxie Outdoor Adventures.

10 **Why did you intervene in these proceedings?**

11 I intervened in these proceedings because I am concerned about CMP's proposed
12 transmission line. I have been a registered Maine guide on and off for nearly 25
13 years. I love the western Maine region and have raised my family to appreciate the
14 pure natural splendor that it offers. In my time in this area, I have taken hundreds of
15 people from all corners of the globe down the Kennebec River. I have had the unique
16 opportunity to share amazing wilderness river trips with people from Thailand,
17 Chile, the UK, Japan, Australia, Russia, countless summer camps, people with
18 disabilities, families of all function and disfunction, bachelor and bachelorette parties
19 – ALL appreciate what we have here. Once we hit the lower river and the
20 excitement of the whitewater has dissipated, that's when the River really starts to
21 truly show her beauty. Whether or not I bring it to their attention or they bring it to
22 mine, sooner or later people realize that we are in a real wilderness setting. Aside

1 from the Carry Brook access stairs, there are no man-made structures between Harris
2 Station and town.

3 If this powerline project gets approval and goes forward crossing the lower
4 Kennebec, we will have lost a true gem. I started out as a Moxie Outdoor Adventures
5 Guide in the early 1990's and I still continue to guide for them to this day. Our lunch
6 site is in plain view of the proposed river crossing. Seeing the High Voltage Direct
7 Current wires complete with red aviation warning balls will esthetically cheapen the
8 river experience and devalue the product we have worked a quarter of a century to
9 develop. Going under the river will not make the project any more tolerable. Not to
10 mention the project would ruin an untold number of wilderness habitats and for
11 what? So that the commonwealth of Massachusetts can get clean energy from
12 Canada.

13 I for one do not see how this project benefits Maine taxpayers with lower energy
14 costs. I am not opposed to clean energy ideas when done in a thoughtful manner with
15 the full support of the community and the individuals and business it directly effects.
16 I feel this project has been rushed through its paces after the Northern Pass's abysmal
17 defeat in NH. I could not be more against this. There is way too much at stake here
18 and if green-lighted, there is no "rewind", no "undo", no turning back, when it's
19 gone... it is gone.

Date: 2-21-2019

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Anthony P*

Print Name: Anthony P DiBlasi

STATE OF Maine
COUNTY OF Cumberland

Personally appeared before me on the above- named Anthony DiBlasi, who being duly sworn, did testify that the foregoing testimony was true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Before me,

PATRICK MOODY
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Maine
My Commission Expires
June 4, 2023

Patrick Moody

Notary Public/ Attorney at Law

My Commission expires 6/4/2023

