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Re Proposed Transmission Line across Kennebec Forks

Once again, you are allowing another transmission line to benefit another state! New Hampshire turned down the request twice.

In your agreement to let the overhead line to be constructed, you once again are disturbing pristine areas with poles, equipment and lines to go overhead with lines 200 feet above the gorge. This is the same mistake you made over the Saco River near Fryeburg, Maine. When is the last time you upgraded your transmission line system to modern methods?

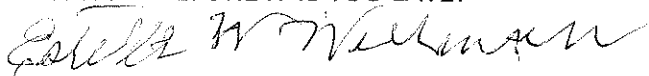
There is a transmission line being constructed from the Vermont/Canada border going to New York City UNDERGROUND! If we have to supply Massachusetts with more power, put it UNDERGROUND like the Vermont to New York City line! For years CMP has said underground is too expensive – but in the long run, it has little maintenance, no land taking (run along public highways) and doesn't have impact on the environment.

More than 40 years ago the then Boston Edison in Massachusetts tried to run a high voltage transmission over the scenic Concord River, over an Indian Burying ground and through high priced residential neighborhoods. Towns united, engineers were involved, court appearances were made. The opposition to the overhead system proposed that the line be installed underground along public streets. It took about 15 years before Boston Edison succumbed and put it underground and found a shorter route for it.

People who live here in Maine, enjoy the rivers and streams along with the scenic drives and beautiful landscape. Tourists flock to Maine to enjoy all the environment that is offered. Why should one corporation take that away, one high tension transmission at a time and spoil Maine?

I hope the Maine Public Utilities Commission thinks as I do and reviews the application one more time and gets CMP to go underground.

ACT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



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