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Mr. Gerald Reid
Dept of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Dear Mr. Gerald Reid:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal by Central Maine Power for the construction of a power transmission line across western Maine.

I am a long time customer of Central Maine Power and citizen of Maine. When faced with a proposal such as this one must ask right up front – who is benefiting? I am not seeing any benefits to the people of Maine for this project. I do not see any benefit to the people of Maine to trade a few short-term construction jobs for the long term detrimental impact on our natural resource, the north woods. I do not see that this project will result in lower rates to the customers of CMP. And most importantly, I do not see CMP as a competent company that operates with the best interests of consumers in mind.

Who benefits, it seems to me, are the shareholders of Avangrid, the parent company of Central Maine Power and the shareholders of Iberdrola, the global energy conglomerate that owns Avangrid. It seems to me that these people are far removed from Maine and these transmission lines are just lines across a map. This map happens to be our state.

In Saint John, New Brunswick, there is a large urban park and wilderness that was set aside for the people of the city over a hundred years ago called Rockwood. The park still exists today but the friends of the park have been unable to stop the installation of two power transmission lines, one water tower, several radio towers and most recently an underground natural gas pipeline. It just a patch of woods after all.

I urge you to preserve our north woods for future generations.

Sincerely,

Raymond Estabrook