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**From:** Todd Towle <kingfisherriverguides@tds.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** DEP, NECEC  
**Subject:** Apposed.

Good Day,

I am writing in opposition to the CMP NECEC project. This project is flawed on a wide array of issues and I'll just bullet point them for convenience.

This will be visually impacting to the area of Somerset and Franklin county.

Property values will go down due to these visual impacts. There are numerous second homes in the unorganized townships that will be directly affected by this.

Noise from the power line during construction and after will detract from prime fishing, hiking and hunting areas.

Threats to wild native brook trout streams and ponds are very concerning to me due to the amount of crossings. Some Maine Heritage Waters will be compromised with this project, along with important whitetail wintering habitat.

This project does nothing for Maine citizens in terms of power or income.

The Kennebec gorge crossing will affect the scenic pleasure of both river users and fishermen.

Hiking vistas will be impacted with this project. Whether the AT or numerous day hikes.

All told I feel this is a bad idea for the people of the state of Maine as well as it's visitors. The tourism industry in Somerset county is based on it's landscape. Alter that free marketing tool and you have devalued the prime motivator for people to come there.

Thank You,

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