

To: Jim R. Beyer

RE: Proposed CMP Transmission Line in Western Maine

If one set out to construct a project for Maine and New England that was both environmentally and economically profoundly deficient and ill-conceived, it would be impossible to surpass the proposed power line project through Western Maine. This disastrous debacle must not be allowed to move forward.

Not only is there no significant economic benefit to Maine, the act of scarring and degrading the picturesque Western Maine mountains would have a negative impact in tourism and the region's invaluable market brand as one of the few remaining large tracts of relatively wild land east of the Mississippi. People don't visit Western Maine to see power lines marring the scenery.

The cash incentive are an insult and a joke. Iberdrola (which may not even exist four decades hence) must take Maine citizens to be ignorant rubes based on the laughable economic deal put forth.

Neither Quebec Hydro nor CMP have produced scientific data supporting net permanent reductions in greenhouse gases.

Aside from being a visual monstrosity, this is a huge environmental risk to wetlands, streams, deer yards, bird habitat, and one of the last populations of wild brook trout in the country.

With no meaningful economic or environmental benefit to Maine, this project needs to be denied. It's time for Maine to send the hucksters packing.

Sincerely,

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