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Dear Maine Department of Environmental Protection,

Dept. of Environmental PROTECTION: April 7, 2019

Last December, I got a call with an invitation to join CMP's phone chat on its New England Clean Energy Connect proposal. Throughout the call, CMP extolled the powerline as a panacea for everyone in New England, who could live on "clean energy" at cheaper rates. Listeners were led into thinking there were no downsides.

CMP told us that 1200 megawatts of hydropower would be "enough for 93 percent of the homes in Maine"—but I know that Maine homes wouldn't even use this power. Their equivocations misled and convinced some of the callers.

Hydro Quebec would likely need to build a new dam in order to supply additional "clean energy" to New England. This would require flooding forestland and the homes of Cree people, a counterproductive measure when trees are our best defense against climate change.

Until an enlarged dam is built, nothing stops Hydro Quebec from using fossil fuel-fired power plants to supply electricity to its current customers to make up for what it would send to Massachusetts instead.

And CMP never mentioned once on the call that its corridor would cut through 50 miles of the heart of Maine's forested lands with added access roads, eliminating staunch carbon-sequestering trees, disturbing our iconic forests and their inhabitants, silting waterways and killing their inhabitants.

CMP's rising offers of "incentives" to Maine are nothing but a bribe. We'd be losers to fall for it. Please look at reality and see what CMP is trying to do for gain.

Sincerely,
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