

THE STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

APPLICATION FOR SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT ACT PERMIT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT PERMIT
FOR THE NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT
FROM QUÉBEC-MAINE BORDER TO LEWISTON
AND RELATED NETWORK UPGRADES

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

KATHY BARKLEY

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

TESTIMONY OF KATHY BARKLEY

1 **Please state your name and address.**

2 My name is Kathy Barkley and I live at 220 Main Street in Caratunk, Maine.

3 **What is the name of your organization and business address?**

4 I am an individual, private citizen.

5 **What is your current position?**

6 Currently, I am seasonally employed at a hiker hostel April through October.

7 **What other occupations have you had in the greater Forks area?**

8 Previously employed by various rafting companies in positions including whitewater
9 guide, facilities manager, food service manager, office staff member, and front desk.

10 **Why did you intervene in these proceedings?**

11 I intervened in these proceedings to express my deep concerns for CMP's proposed
12 transmission corridor. The corridor created by NECEC will forever destroy the
13 northwestern Maine scenic views tourists and locals alike value and enjoy. No amount
14 of buffering or pole color or design can change the fact that in a forested or natural
15 area this corridor will be an eyesore. No one travels Route 201 and our access roads
16 to view a powerline with poles higher than most trees and a 150-foot corridor that
17 scars the landscape.

18 The proposed NECEC corridor will negatively affect the existing uses of every area
19 of northwestern Maine it runs through. Hikers, hunters, fisherman, photographers,
20 campers, non-motorized boaters, folks out for a drive, snowshoers, x-country skiers,
21 ATV riders, snowmobilers, mountain bikers, and leaf peepers do not travel into our
22 forests and onto our hills to enjoy a powerline scarring the land. They come to enjoy

1 the views, the plants, the fish and wildlife of our area. The aforementioned will be
2 damaged, destroyed and poisoned with herbicides to build and maintain NECEC. No
3 plan has been proposed, nor do I believe it is possible, to successfully mitigate or
4 buffer damage to the existing resource and its uses.

5 Tourism, be it folks from away or local users, is a long-term sustainable economic
6 engine for northwestern Maine as long as the reasons tourists come are not damaged or
7 destroyed. NECEC would irreparably destroy and damage this resource that draws
8 people to the iconic Maine woods. NECEC has no lasting benefit to Maine, and many
9 long-lasting negative impacts to our state. Please do not approve this project.

Date 2-21-19

Respectfully submitted,

By

Print Name

[Signature]
Kathy J Barkley

STATE OF Maine
COUNTY OF Somerset

Personally appeared before me on the above-named Kathy J BARKLEY, who being duly sworn, did testify that the foregoing testimony was true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Before me

LILLIAN M. TANCRELL-OUDEKIRK

[Signature]

Notary Public / Attorney at Law

My Commission expires 8-28-2021