October 12, 2018

Dear Commissioners,

As an avid outdoorsman and lover of wild places, I believe this project to be an affront to the residents of Maine. When my wife and I decided to relocate, we looked all around the country before settling on Maine. The natural beauty of both the Western Mountains and the Kennebec river valley is a treasure. To degrade this vista with an unnecessary and unwanted power line seems short sighted at best. Maine’s greatest attribute is its scenic beauty, and the tourism it attracts ensures our state’s economic future. I don’t believe this project to be in the best interest of the local residents, as it only benefits the financial interests of companies such as Central Maine Power and Hydro-Quebec. I urge you to consider the environmental impact this initiative will have on a state that takes great pride in safeguarding its natural resources. The proposed plan stifles the current renewable energy market in Maine and creates an unhealthy reliance on an imported energy source. Furthermore, the introduction of unnecessary competition in the New England energy market will have a negative impact on our own power companies.

 Thank you

 Shawn and Candy Henderly

Carol Howard has my permission to submit this letter as part of sworn testimony