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To: Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Land Use Planning Commission
Re: New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) proposal

This project does not benefit Mainers. Rather, it benefits only CMP to the tune of \$60 million annually. Hydro-Quebec power is merely redirected through Maine to Massachusetts, with no benefit to the Maine electrical supply. As such, the project does nothing to reduce aggregate fossil fuel power generation. Instead, it actually discourages Maine renewable energy projects, and the jobs they would create.

The project would also have a negative impact to Maine's natural resources. I recently had the opportunity to view Aroostook County in a ride with BikeMaine. I was awestruck with spectacular landscapes that no doubt are matched by that of the North Woods. I can't imagine despoiling such beauty by cutting it up for some unnecessary power lines! That would be irresponsible not only to Maine's natural resources, but also to Maine's tourism economy.

I urge the PUC to deny any permit to CMP for this Transmission Project.

Respectfully,

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