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**From:** Hinkel, Bill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 9:50 AM  
**To:** Sandra Howard  
**Cc:** DEP, NECEC  
**Subject:** RE: Public comment on NECEC

Dear Ms. Howard,

Thank you for your comment. It has been entered into the record. I encourage you to sign up for NECEC Project updates by entering your email address in the box in the upper right corner of the project webpage. [https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/site\\_law\\_certification/slc9.html](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/site_law_certification/slc9.html)

Regards,

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**To:** DEP, NECEC <NECEC.DEP@maine.gov>; Hinkel, Bill <Bill.Hinkel@maine.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on NECEC

Good morning,

Please submit this public comment on behalf of the 2,886 members of the 'Say No to 145-mile transmission line through Maine' Facebook group. We wish to submit public comments dated July 20, 2017 from Chief Rene Simon of Pessamit Innu First Nation. Chief Simon's comments were submitted to NH during the Northern Pass proposal hearings. It is important to note here, that if NECEC is approved, his people and land will face the same negative impacts from Hydro-Quebec's generation.

A summary of their concerns are as follows:

1. Hydro-Quebec's development along the Betsiamites River in Quebec has damaged the land where the Pessamit Innu First Nation have lived for over 8,000 years, causing active erosion and decimation of the salmon population.
2. The natural ecosystem and native culture have suffered as a result.
3. Eversource's Canadian partner, Hydro-Quebec, has been unresponsive to the needs of the Pessamit Innu.
4. Constructing Northern Pass [now NECEC] will accelerate this destruction and make matters worse for the Pessamit Innu, all in an effort to transmit Canadian hydropower through New Hampshire [now Maine] to New England customers.

Please accept this document in to the DEP and LUPC public comments: [https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-06/public-comments/2015-06\\_2017-07-20\\_comment\\_r\\_simon.pdf](https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-06/public-comments/2015-06_2017-07-20_comment_r_simon.pdf)

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