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I will turn 65 tomorrow. It seems like yesterday I was only 15 years old. 50 years. I mention this because I wonder what will Maine's western mountains look like in 50 years? This is the question we need to address! Will we pass on what the beautiful scenic views we see now to our children and grandchildren? It is hard to imagine that people want to fragment and scar this landscape for a few dollars. 50 years from now I will be "pushing up daisies" and so will most of the proponents of this corridor. What good will the money do then?

CMP is pushing this corridor for one reason. GREENBACKS! That is the only thing green about NECEC. If they were truly concerned with the environment there were a hundred alternatives that would work better but they would not produce as many greenbacks. The Vermont plan already has permits to go underground but that is expensive. No doubt about it every part of NECEC is designed with greenbacks in mind.

I am reminded of a stone chip in a windshield. CMP's purchase of these lands is a chip in the glass. At first it is not too annoying but we know that if we don't address it soon it will grow into a crack. The crack will be a 53 mile long clear-cut. Something no Forrester would ever be able to get permitted for. Next the crack runs full length across the windshield. Now it is annoying to look at and disturbs our ability to drive. NECEC initial DC powerline is that continuous crack. It will be annoying to look at and present safety concerns to the environment and completely destroy what was once a beautiful view. The final stage is spider webbing. This is what will happen in stage 2 of NECEC by tying in a another line to carry current from 50-70 wind turbines on every ridge along the 53 miles of new corridor. Spider webbing will annihilate every part of todays scenic beauty! For what? Greenbacks.

This is a historic decision of monumental proportion! NO one is creating vast parcels of natural beauty. No one can undo the devastation NECEC will cause! Haven't we destroyed enough of our working forests? When will we have enough urban sprawl? 50 years from now (it goes by fast) what will future generations see when they drive up 201 towards Jackman? Will they see a bunch of manmade steel, concrete and plastic or will they see what God created and no one else can duplicate? When CMP's big shots and todays money seekers are all pushing up daisies along with us. Will those who come behind us be impressed with our foresight or will we be another story of what used to be?

Please vote no to NECEC!

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