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Re: Petition to intervene in CMP's Application for Site Location of Development Act permit and Natural Resources Protection Act permit for the New England Clean Energy Connect ("NECEC") from Québec-Maine Border to Lewiston and Related Network Upgrades

No. L-27625-26-A-N

Dear Mr. Beyer,

Please find this written letter, emailed and postal mailed, as a **petition for intervention** in Central Maine Power Company's application for their New England Clean Energy Connect project. Maine Guide Service, LLC, operating on the Kennebec River and in The Forks, W Forks and Caratunk, is within the project boundaries and is, therefore, directly and indirectly affected.

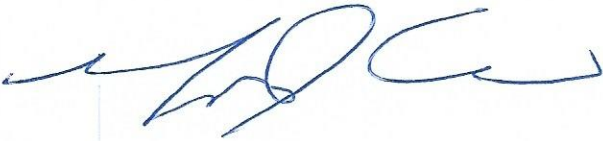
On March 21, 2018, I was present while a CMP representative pitched a brief, overview presentation to the Caratunk Selectmen regarding this project. However, since that time, much information has been brought to light. I have grave concerns for the welfare of my fishing, hunting, rafting business as well as being a citizen of the Town of Caratunk and the State of Maine should this project be brought to fruition.

1. The mitigation proceedings for the last two years have been secretive and not representative of all area businesses and residents. The mitigation has been clearly swayed to benefit the few companies that are in the MOU, Western mountains and Rivers Corporation LLC.
2. As a business owner within the project boundaries, I operate as a fishing guide on the Kennebec, ferry Appalachian Trail hikers across the Kennebec, guide hunting, snowmobiling, and ATV tours in The Forks Area.
3. This project is forcing 1000' of transmission lines across a Scenic and Wild River, the Kennebec River, where I make my livelihood in the whitewater rafting and fishing tourism industry. This is a direct detriment to my business and my family. I am interested and willing to participate and be represented in permitting decisions for this application.
4. I have asked CMP to move the project's river crossing to a less obtrusive and view-obstructing location such as at the dam or over the narrow gorge in order to preserve the "Wild and Scenic" character of our trips.

5. Should this project go forth as stated, Maine energy would be locked up and prevented from engaging in any future solar or offshore wind projects. The town I live in, Caratunk, has already twice supported NextEra for a solar farm within its boundaries. One such solar project lost in direct competition to this NECEC. The valuation benefit from CMP's additional transmission lines does not even compare to a large solar project in Caratunk. I am opposed to the NECEC project if it prevents future renewable energy opportunities that provide for a huge tax benefit to Caratunk landowners and significantly increase the Caratunk valuation.
6. This project is not benefiting the Maine ratepayer with lower rates or cleaner energy. In fact, it may increase greenhouse gas emissions. I have an interest in lower energy costs and clean energy sources.
7. This project is not financially beneficial to the Maine economy or its residents.
8. Independent PUC consultants have found that CMP's project application boasts inflated economic and financial benefits.
9. Green and environmental agencies as well as the Maine Legislature's Committee of Environmental and Natural Resources and the Maine Legislature's Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology have stated concerns on this project.

As it is proposed, I cannot see supporting the NECEC. I see this project as benefiting Hydro-Quebec and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the expense of my livelihood and the State of Maine. This should not be so. If granted intervenor status, I affirm that I am able to participate in the proceedings in good faith as the spokesperson for the Maine Guide Service, LLC. Thank you for the opportunity to intervene and to provide comments to the DEP hearings, etc.

Sincerely,



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