

I am sorry that I missed the hearing at 9 a.m. on March 18, 2021, regarding LD471 SPO 177. I wholeheartedly support this bill because I believe that the Maine legislature and ultimately the citizens of Maine should have a voice in the establishment of the NEC Open Corridor, especially as it pertains to the use of public lands in this state. The special interests of CMP and HydroQuebec have spent millions of dollars to sway public opinion in their favor. Avangrid and their stockholders plan to make billions by funneling hydropower to Massachusetts while continuing to charge exorbitant rates to Maine consumers and businesses and despoiling the wilderness and disrupting the wildlife habitat in the Great Northern Woods of Maine. The citizens of Maine deserve an opportunity to weigh in on this important matter either by voicing their opinion to their legislators to approve this bill, LD471 SPO 177, or by supporting this important referendum at the ballot box this fall. Thank-you.

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