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I am a registered electrical engineer retired to Islesboro, Maine. I am the former Deputy Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service, former director of Vermont Public Power and manager of the Stowe, Vermont municipal utility. I am an avid conservationist in favor of the CMP corridor to Hydro Quebec. I was partially responsible for Vermont buying base load hydro power from Hydro Quebec in the 1980's. Vermont too had converter-station and corridor conservation issues but chose essential base load hydro power as well as wind and solar. The Quebec hydro power continues to serve Vermont today. The Maine PUC corridor order includes an extension from the Lewiston corridor termination east to the large Maine substation at Windsor so that a portion of the hydro power can be diverted directly to Maine.