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Central Maine Power Company/Avangrid 83 Edison Drive Augusta, ME 04660

Re: New England Clean Energy Connect Project, Embden, ME.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is to advise your company that Embden's Select Board has recently been presented with information by a group of concerned citizens including neighbors from the Forks/Caratunk region, abutting corridor property owners in town, and other Embden residents attempting to educate themselves with the pros/cons of this major expansion project. The list of concerns with the NECEC project being voiced and disseminated includes but is not limited to: Environmental degradation, wildlife harm, human health impairment, view shed deterioration, property value loss, potentially overstated property valuation estimates, and seemingly non-transparent future plans for the corridor.

Consequently, this has led our Board of Selectpersons to take a *neutral* stance on the project going forward. Therefore, this communication is intended to supersede the letter of support submitted by the Town of Embden during Avangrid's initial "bid" phase. Thank you for understanding our position in response to what we feel to be very serious concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Taylor

Select Board Chairman

Town of Embden