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Dear Corinna Residents:

On March 10th, Corinna will vote to decide on the acceptance or rejection of a proposed **new Town zoning ordinance**. **This proposed ordinance is attempting to prevent a needed electric transmission line project from being built in the future.** The ordinance would have long-term impacts on landowners in Corinna that we hope you will consider before you vote.

CMP and Emera Maine (formerly Bangor Hydro) have been a part of this community since the dawn of electrification, and we are among Corinna's largest taxpayers. For the past two years, we have been working on a proposed 69-mile transmission right-of-way from Pittsfield to Chester to improve capacity, connect new sources of power, and improve system reliability.

Although the land acquisition phase of the project is largely complete in every town, including Corinna, the proposed new zoning ordinance in your town would have a number of significant impacts, including the following:

- ✓ The Town would potentially be turning away significant new tax revenue. It is estimated that the planned MEPCO line will contribute **more than \$2 million in tax payments, after revenue sharing**, to Corinna over a 20-year period. During the first two years, the Town will realize approximately \$400,000 without any payment to the State for revenue sharing. **This could help with a new Fire Station** or any other major project that the Town needs.
- ✓ The way the ordinance is worded would significantly restrict private property rights. If you wanted to sell an easement or land for the proposed line – and many landowners have welcomed this opportunity and are counting on the payment – the ordinance would eliminate that opportunity. Many of your neighbors have said to us, **"Prohibiting my decision to sell my land is just not right."**
- ✓ The ordinance would also call for a significant intrusion on private land. **CMP and Emera Maine would be required to survey ALL private property within a mile** on either side of any planned 69kV-115kV electric line and report every feature and natural resource to state regulatory agencies, where it would become a permanent public record. The **information recorded could impact your ability to do what you want with your land in the future.**

Electricity is not an optional service. If every town attempted to act in this manner, the electric grid would degrade and **electric rates would skyrocket.** As a resident of Corinna, before you vote, please consider the broader implications of passing this restrictive ordinance.

We thought you might want to understand these points when you vote at Corinna's annual meeting on March 10th. Please call us at the phone number below if we can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Sloan".

Steve Sloan, Project Manager