



Open Letter to Northeastern Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers Requesting a Mandatory Session on the Human and Ecological Impacts of Canadian Hydropower at September 2020 Conference

September 1, 2020

Governor Edward Lamont, Jr., CONEG Chair
Governor Charlie Baker
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor Janet Mills
Governor Gina Raimondo
Governor Christopher Sununu
Governor Philip Scott
Premier Andrew Furey, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
Premier Blaine Higgs, Province of New Brunswick
Premier Dennis King, Province of Prince Edward Island
Premier Francois Legault, Province of Quebec
Premier Stephen McNeil, Province of Nova Scotia

Dear Governor Lamont and Governors Baker, Cuomo, Mills, Raimondo, Scott, and Sununu and Premiers Furey, Higgs, King, Legault and McNeil,

On behalf of Sierra Club and North American Megadam Resistance Alliance (NAMRA)¹ we are writing to request the opportunity to present at the Conference of Northeastern Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (Conference) on the human and environmental impacts of Canadian hydropower production on September 21, 2020 so that you may hear from community members and allies about the impacts of hydropower production in Canada.

Canadian and U.S. energy policies fail to adequately account for the human and environmental impacts of Canadian hydropower that is inaccurately marketed as “clean and renewable.” The Canada, United States and Mexico Agreement contains an inaccurate and indefensible definition of hydropower as “renewable.”²

There are additional sides to the story on large impoundment hydropower that we think are important for the Northeastern Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers to learn by hearing from people living with the impacts. This is imperative if you are committed to ethical decision making on energy and trade policy.

We look forward to your prompt response and thank you for your consideration. Please contact NAMRA’s coordinator, coordinator.namra@gmail.com at US 508-259-9154 as soon as possible

¹ NAMRA is an international network of groups and individuals working to protect rivers and their communities by resisting megadams and their transmission corridors.

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<http://northeastmegadamresistance.org/hydroelectricity-is-not-a-climate-solution-carbon-accounting-loop-hole-and-no-data-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions/>

so that we may arrange to have the appropriate speakers in place for this proposed session on September 21, 2020.

In hope for a better future,

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