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I would like to inform FERC that Brookfield does not deserve to have its license in Rumford, Maine renewed at this time under these disrespectful treatments of its citizens and our recreation. They have made every effort to thwart our recreation. The trail on the east side of the project that connects the South Rumford Rd to 108 by the canal was been illegally been closed. The gates were added by Brookfield to keep public out. This trail was open to the public until around 2015.

The viewing area on the west side of the falls off of Falls Hill that has been closed to public access since Brookfield purchased the project within the past 10 years. This was a spot you could view the falls and have picnics. This is one of the most beautiful trails in all of America and it was closed by this company in violation of their license. I have fished in the reflection pool across from the information booth and caught wild trout. This has been restricted now.

I am also concerned about Brookfield fighting the citizens about a proposed zip line that will travel over the river (not over the waterfall) that Brookfield somehow has dominion over according to their license. This is an overreach and FERC should clawback them controlling downriver a mile away from their power dam. To their credit, after fighting them for many years on this topic, they did relent a few years ago and said they wouldn't oppose the project. However, we are concerned they will revoke this permission once they get their license or if new executives change their mind. I would like this addressed during their licensing process and get assurance that they will not ruin yet another recreational activity.

Also, above the falls there is a swimming area above the bridge of the south rumford rd. There's a parking area and people can walk down to the river and swim. I am concerned about Brookfield limiting this area once they get their license.

Lastly, I live in the neighborhood across from Brookfield. There are times in the summer and fall when their sirens go on incessantly for several minutes in the middle of the night every 15 minutes. I have had to call the police to make a noise complaint. They need to be more mindful of their neighbors. No one is swimming near the falls in the middle of the night in November. It's common sense.

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