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**From:** Carl Mezoff [mailto:cmezoff@optonline.net]  
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**To:** MacDonald, David  
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Mr. David McDonald  
Energy & Technology Committee

Dear Mr. McDonald,

I received an email from our Rep, Livvy Floren, inviting me to share with you my thoughts on the storm cleanup by CL&P.

Here they are:

I suspect that I am in a distinct minority in that I think that CL&P did a **reasonable job** in getting us all back on line in a relatively short time period. While we were out of power for **5 days**, I am grateful that we did not suffer as much as our Vermont neighbors. The night sky during those five days was amazingly and gloriously dark!

Those who complain about not having their power immediately restored may not have understood the magnitude of the storm and the number of trees down (or perhaps believe the world revolves around them). In many other parts of the world, electric power is either unknown or an intermittent pleasure. It may be uncharitable for me to suspect that the higher on the hog that people live, the louder will be their wails when any of their luxuries are taken away from them, however briefly.

In this Tea Party era, we are constantly reminded of the virtuous lives led by our forefathers. It may be useful to reflect that before 1900, nobody had electric power - and the country somehow managed to thrive without complaint!

By the way, in my opinion, burying power lines makes little economic sense in this area, because of the topography and the geology of the area would make it horrendously expensive.

Anyway, I appreciate your being willing to field all the complaints (but don't envy your having to listen to all the bellyaching about how people missed their favorite TV shows.)

Please resist the temptation to **pass another law** to satisfy the complainers. There is not a legislative solution to every problem!

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