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To: Fredrick W. Todd, Project Planner and LURC
Commission Members
From: Ellen W. McLaughlin
Topic: Site Visit to Bottle Lake, June 27, 2011
Date: June 8, 2011

I have seen the LURC/First Wind itinerary site visits of the Down East lakes area on June 27, 2011 AM. You will be visiting only a few of the lakes that would be visually and scenically impacted by the construction of 27 Industrial Wind Turbines on Bowers Mountain. I will make two suggestions. **One, a meaningful site visit to Bottle Lake is imperative and should not be optional and two, to mentally prepare LURC members for that visit.**

1. Bottle Lake. Stop 7.

You will see nothing from the boat launch at the end of Bottle Lake Road. You have 2 options. One, is to visit the historic public landing set aside by Dead River in the 1950's. It was located where Hamilton and Windy Shores Roads diverge. It is now a wetland between two camps on the South Shore. Two, the better option is to hire some local boats and ride around the shores of Bottle Lake. There are 90-100 camps that will be scenically impacted when using the lake. Estimating 7 seasonal residents and guests per camp and we are conservatively looking at 700 or more people who will see these turbines. That is a LOT of people!! Then include the canoeists, campers, Scout troops, open water fishermen, ice fishermen, snow mobiles, etc and the number goes up. You see from the picture how the scenic beauty of this lake will be impaired by reflected flicker during the day and flashing red lights at night.



View simulation from Windy Shores Road. Only 9 of the 12-13 industrial wind turbines that are predicted to be seen from Bottle Lake have been placed by LandWorks, Middlebury, Vermont using ArcGIS and Adobe Photoshop. Hired by First Wind/Champlain. There are 27 turbines scheduled to be built. Bald eagles visit regularly to feed.

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2. Mental Preparation.

Upon seeing these camps on Bottle Lake, there might be a tendency for LURC members to become critical and judgmental. "They are too close to the lake! We would never allow that today!! Look what they have done to the shoreline!" and so on and so on. I would ask you to put aside any negative feelings and look on these camps as some of the last great treasures of the traditional historic Maine. With few exceptions, these camps were built in the 1950's with handsaws and hammers. Lumber was dragged across the ice for construction. There was no electricity, no running water, no plumbing. There were outhouses, hand pumps, kerosene lamps, propane stoves, ramdown fireboxes and drinking water from Junkin's spring. They embody the classic camp in design -- the place the family moved to for the summer when Dad said "It's time to move out to camp." It was a time when families, guests and visitors actually sat on the front porch and talked to each other or swapped stories or sang songs in the darkening evening. With few exceptions every camp has a story and a history and memories that should be preserved. There are still those who live on the lake who are part of that history from the 1930's, 40's and 50's. The tradition of community continues to be strong among our lake folks and we do not want the Industrial Wind Turbines.

Sincerely,



E. W. McLaughlin

Contributor, Bottle Lake Newsletter

VLMP Lakes Monitor

"Wildflowers of Lakeville, Maine" Author, photographer.

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PS. To my knowledge, all Bottle Lake camps have approved septic systems!

cc : peter@ppdlw.org

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To Whom It May Concern:

As I'm sure you are aware, First Wind Holdings Company is installing industrial wind farms in Maine, as well as in Hawaii, New York and Utah.

Our family is the steward of 484 acres of varied landscape including forest, bog, wetlands, pond and mountain top in Brighton, Somerset County, Maine. Our plan is to keep it undisturbed and beautiful, with proper care, for posterity and to enjoy it as a peaceful refuge from the noise of the city where we live. We are members of SWOAM and we are doing all we can to encourage wildlife. The lot supports deer and moose and is a favorite hunting area for local hunters every fall.

I am very opposed to industrial wind farms in Maine. I cannot be more emphatic. They make no sense.

Wind farms need flat surfaces – Maine is not flat.

Maine does not have the infrastructure to support wind farms and the expense of installing it would negate and profit.

Maine is dependent on tourism. Destroying the landscape will destroy tourism.

Altering the geography of an area destabilizes the climate of the area, disturbing inhabitants and wildlife as well as changing the geology of the soil.

The noise of the turbines is so disturbing to the nervous system that people nearby will be obliged to move. We do not yet know what the constant roar will do to the nervous systems of the wildlife. Consider the colony collapse disorder of the honeybee.

Maine, with its varied mountains and ridges, lacks the steady, dependable wind patterns necessary for profitable wind farms.

Wind farms anywhere near Brighton or Mayfield would certainly affect our plan to leave our property undisturbed for future generations. If we had to listen to turbines

instead of the silence of the woods we would leave with broken hearts.

The undeveloped wilderness is the jewel in the crown of Maine, and the state of Maine is the jewel of the Northeast. Aesthetically it is irreplaceable. There is no wisdom in wind farm corporations destroying the essential beauty of Maine with industrial wind farms. We have many flat and uninhabited areas in the western part of the country with the infrastructure to support wind energy. Shaving off the tops of mountains and ridges in Maine to accommodate wind farms makes no sense.

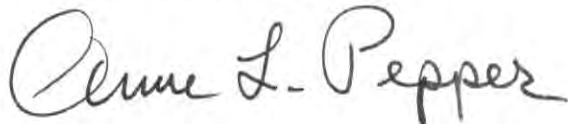
Maine depends on tourism for its livelihood. As we should know by now, even a small disturbance in the natural order can create a devastating ripple effect.

Wind energy should enhance our quality of life, not destroy it. We have the opportunity now to study the wind farms that are already in existence to determine what, over the long term, are the benefits and disadvantages. Please let us proceed with care and deliberation to protect our current wealth.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Anne Louisa Pepper

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne L. Pepper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Ryan Soucie
Guidance Counselor

Dear community members,

I am a high school teacher in western Maine where I have been teaching technology education for the past 28 years. A big part of my job is motivating students to continue their education beyond high school. For the last three years my classes have been participating in the Windblade Challenge. The Windblade challenge is a project the composite industry, the University of Maine and the wind industry have developed to work together with high school students building and making wind blade turbines. Students compete in a statewide competition to see who generates the most power and to explain the technical process of building and designing wind blades. The Windblade Challenge has allowed my students to expand their future job prospects. My classes are made up of all types of students some who will go on to engineering and others who will go to technical schools, but through their participation in these activities they are being exposed to the new technical fields created by the need for affordable power.

The jobs of the future will be technical in nature. Maine future and past is why I am writing this letter. Windpower, along with other new technological energy sources is key to Maine's future. Maine has the opportunity to become a leader in wind power generation. First Wind and other companies are in the process of installing wind power turbines in Maine. The first thing we need to understand is that wind turbines cannot be installed randomly on every mountaintop in Maine. Appropriate wind turbine locations are hard to find. Wind turbines need consistent wind without variation. If one was to look at a map on wind and the best location of wind farms there are very few in the state. In fact, the best winds are 200 miles off the coast of Maine. This is why Maine is trying to develop floating offshore wind power.

When we look at our power generation options in Maine we have very few. We do not have oil; nuclear is very controversial, natural gas is now available from Canada but needs a way to get to the homes in Maine. Hydro is great, but I think we have reached our limit in new hydro dams. So what are our options? Geothermal is up and coming and should be used whenever possible. Maine paper industries are using biofuel (wood) to power their mills. Many Maine home are being heated with wood and wood pellets. Re-insulating our homes and businesses is a great way to reduce our energy needs in the future. Tidal power is being developed. Solar power is a limited solution in Maine.

I believe that we need to look at all options and develop the ones that have the best overall potential and proven success. Wind power is one that has proven itself. The fact that major investors are willing to make wind power investments in our community, I can not imagine that 100 years ago communities would have even questioned putting up these wind turbines. When we look back just a few generations ago we dammed up all of our rivers and polluted them, along with the air that we breathe, and we call the smell in the air the smell of money. Wind power is a reasonable solution for Maine. What other industry is investing in Maine? Would our grandfathers question this type of investment? The best part of wind power in Maine is that through the University of Maine system we are training the future workers and engineers to develop these projects. We graduate engineers and technical workers who will work on and maintain these projects. We are the world leader in trying to develop floating offshore wind power. Let's give our graduating engineers jobs here in Maine. While I do not believe that wind power is the only solution to Maine's future energy needs, it is here, the investments is being made, we have the wind and we have the people to make it work for Maine.

Sincerely,

Dan Lemieux
Spruce Mountain High School

A note from...
Ellen Mc Laughlin

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Public comments
on First wind/champlain
Application for Industrial
Wind Turbines on
Bowers Mountain.
For the minutes.

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I could not attend the
June 27, 28
hearings in Lincoln.



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To: Fredrick W. Todd, Project Planner and Land Use Regulation Commission Members
From: Ellen W. McLaughlin
Topic: Opposition to Bowers Mountain/First Wind Industrial Wind Turbine Project. Public Comment for LURC Minutes.
Date: June 21, 2011

The following is a three –page summary of four reasons why this permit should be denied. The rest of the material is an expansion on those points and other detailed comments on the Application.



“A picture is worth a thousand words.” This is what Bottle Lake will really see. Those distant panoramas with tiny turbines presented in Exhibit 17 do not convey the full visual impact. Other lakes see more turbines than this and closer up. From LandWorks Arc GIS/Adobe Photoshop # 6.

1. SCENIC AND VISUAL POLLUTION.

The Land Use Regulation Commission has designated the Down East Lakes as a region of “state and national significance”. Almost every lake (15+) in the area will see 12-27 of these industrial wind turbines – flickering /reflecting during the day and bright flashing red lights at night. This is not the “wilderness experience” that campers and visitors expect when they come to Maine. The status of this beautiful, scenic, pristine, accessible recreational area must be protected for the

hundreds, perhaps thousands of people who live and re-create here every year. The blasting and destruction and leveling of mountain tops and ridges will permanently alter, mar and scar this region of “state and national significance”. Whoever mapped this area and designated it as an Expedited Grid was obviously unfamiliar with the Down East Lakes and they have done a disservice to the wildlife, scenic beauty and economy of this region and bear a heavy responsibility for its degradation if this permit is approved.

2. **ENDANGERED WILDLIFE.**

There are four “rare S3” or “critically imperiled S1” plants on Bowers Mountain. There are federally protected bald eagles regularly nesting on these lakes and were observed flying in the Bowers Mountain Project area. They are residents (not migrants) during the Spring, Summer and Fall. “Of raptors observed, 94 per cent were observed in areas where turbines will be located. Seventy-five percent of observations of raptors within the Project area were documented at heights less than 119 m (360+ feet) for at least a portion of their flight through the turbine areas.” (Exhibit 12 B). It is unacceptable to have any bat, song bird or raptor killed by these blades. This alone should be an incentive to deny this permit.

3. **HABITATS AT RISK.**

There are 80/337 wetlands of “special significance” and 59 vernal pools at risk of pollution from runoff and heavy-duty construction. The term “special significance” is meaningless if it does not guide decisions for their protection. The activity of a bull dozer operator may have unintended consequences on nearby vernal pools. The wildlife habitat should remain undisturbed as an integrated whole.

4. **ECONOMIC IMPACT.**

The citizens of Carroll voted to allow industrial wind turbines to be built in their Plantation in exchange for \$92,000 dollars a year. I have confidence that the residents of Carroll will have enough initiative, resilience and fortitude to handle their affairs without receiving money based on federal subsidies to Wind Developers (\$2.6 billion dollars/year). This also fosters dependency on outside agencies. The people living in Carroll have done all right in the past without this “windfall” and they will do so in the future because self-reliance, innovation and creativity are historic Maine traits. These are mature, smart people. I am not so sure about the owners of land to be bought or leased. My guess is that they will be really unhappy. I have not seen the purchase prices, but I assume lots of dollars are involved. I would challenge them to do something noteworthy and honorable and put all their land into conservation easements to be forever protected.

On the other hand, the wilderness will be preserved for and benefit a greater number of people in the Down East region including Maine Guides, Outfitters, Cabin rentals, six or more Sporting Camps and Lodges who depend on Maine wilderness tourism. Fishermen, campers, Boy Scouts, kayakers, trekkers and the thousand or more summer residents, visitors and tourists all have a

significant positive impact on the economies of Springfield, Lee, Lincoln and Grand Lake Stream, not only in the summer but during ice fishing and snowmobiling season too.

SUMMARY . Lakes and mountains of “state and national significance”, federally protected bald eagles, rare and critically imperiled plants, wetlands and vernal pools of special significance and wilderness economics should be enough to deny outright or put on hold this application.

Preserve this beautiful region while you as a Commission still have the power, authority and opportunity to do so , either by denial, moratorium or whatever until the State of Maine can assess the true environmental cost of industrial wind turbines. I assume there is a process that First Wind can use for appealing a denial. Unfortunately, the regular Maine citizen, who opposes them with limited resources, does not have that privilege. That includes me!

Ellen Mc Laughlin !



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ADDITIONAL ENHANCED COMMENTS ON BOWERS MOUNTAIN/FIRST WIND.

Properly sited in the Mid-West prairies, wind can be a good non-polluting way to produce electricity and contribute to clean the air without being environmentally destructive or killing too many birds and bats.. But in Maine something has gone **horribly awry** with its Expedited Grids and unrealistic energy goals using outdated, inefficient, undependable, costly land-based wind technology. I support the moratorium bill LD502 in the legislature until the true nature of the impact of Industrial Wind Turbines on the Maine environment can be assessed.

I am a Maine taxpayer (Lakeville, Reed and Springfield); I have roots in Maine (Wytovitlock) and have spent a fair percentage of my life in Maine as a summer resident.

I oppose the First Wind/Champlain Company Bowers Mountain/Down East Lakes Industrial Wind Turbine Development plans for the following reasons:

1. VISUAL POLLUTION.

Camps situated on many Down East Lakes (15+) will be subjected to sunlight reflected off spinning blades during the day and blinking red lights reflecting off the water at night. I trust during your visit to the Lincoln Lakes Tourist Area you saw a once lovely region now dotted with huge industrial wind turbines. You especially need to see Mattanawcook Lake **at night** from Main Street gazebo to see what visual pollution by flashing red lights from these turbines is really like. The citizens of this area did not know what they were getting. (See First Wind Application Exhibit 17).

2. SCENIC POLLUTION.

Any persons boating, canoeing or kayaking on Down East Lakes will see a vista marred by these 44 story industrial wind turbines. They are intrusive and detract from the Maine wilderness experience that visitors and tourists have come to expect and enjoy . The Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) has designated our Down East Lakes area (15+ lakes) to be of "state and national significance" because of their great beauty and

recreational value. The lakes in the area will now be scenically and environmentally degraded.

3. **RESPONSE TO ALEX WILSON'S E-MAIL TO DAVID RAPHAEL, LAND WORKS, VERMONT.**

I really do not know why this e-mail is included in the Application Exhibit 17 (#14). You need a microscope to read it and it is not an opinion representative of those who live and recreate in the Down East lakes area. Apparently Mr. Wilson has written a book – *Quiet Maine Waters* --and has paddled some of the lakes once or twice. I too have paddled Scraggly, Junior, Keg, Dobsis, Bottle and Grand for 50+ years. Mr. Wilson says “as for me ridge top wind farms are not incompatible with a wilderness experience.” I totally disagree, 27 huge Industrial Wind Turbines are ugly, intrusive, distracting (flashing red lights at night) and I would resent their presence. They are NOT compatible with a wilderness experience and puts wilderness experience tourism in jeopardy. Furthermore Alex Wilson says “In fact I would appreciate the fact that those wind turbines were responsible for keeping the crisp clean air around me cleaner.” Those turbines have nothing to do with making Maine’s air cleaner. The forest that First Wind is clear-cutting scrubs the air of CO₂. When Maine has poor quality air (smog) it comes from the Mid-West – ozone, particulates, etc. You could put a million industrial wind turbines in Maine and it would not make the air cleaner. Those turbines belong in the Mid-West where the problem begins. Maine can import cheap, clean, green electricity from Canadian hydropower. Wind power electricity is the most expensive type of power for sale. A Maine customer could not afford it which is why wind power is the most heavily federally subsidized power in the United States. To his credit, Mr. Wilson does note that he has seen federally protected bald eagles on Scraggly Lake and that the building of wide access roads would have potential impacts on the area. By the way, I too am a member of the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, the National (and local) Audubon Society, World Wildlife Fund and so on.

4. **PROPERTY VALUES DECREASE?**

Historically, property values have decreased 20%-30% when located by an industrial wind turbine due to noise, flicker and blinking red lights.

5. **BLASTING THE MOUNTAINS.**

Maine will join Alabama and West Virginia in the deliberate blasting of its mountain tops. Blasting and leveling will be required for the foundations of all 27 turbines as well as building the wide, thick, heavy duty access roads. (Application Exhibit 5B Blasting Plan). Once a mountain top is blasted it can NEVER, EVER be restored to its original contours. I have personally seen the devastating effects of mountain top removal in Alabama coal strip mines. Once a mountain top is leveled it is altered FOREVER. You

can't get it back and restoration is a joke. (Application Exhibit 5B). Clear-cutting trees also removes an enormous amount of CO2 sequestering plants, especially Eastern White Pine which is ranked near the top in CO2 removal (53tons/ forest hectare).



This picture was taken by E. McLaughlin from 35,000 feet in the air during an Aer Lingus flight from Manchester, England via Dublin, Ireland to JFK New York on June 16, 2009 at 10:32 AM. The plane GPS indicated we were over Maine at the Stetson Industrial Wind Turbine site. In spite of a dirty plane window, note the white scar of turbines and roads and transmission lines ripping through the landscape. And this is from 7 miles up! This photo has never been published before and is probably the only one of its kind in the world from this perspective.

6. IMPACT ON WILDLIFE AND HABITAT: INADEQUATE STUDIES.

Recently the US Fish and Wildlife Service (April, 2011) proposed stronger guidelines for wind development because the impact on wild life is not being studied long enough. This was in response to the March 2011 Secretary of the Interior Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee report under the auspices of the Federal Advisory Committee. The USFWS now proposes at least a 3 year study to assess effects of Industrial Wind Turbines on area wildlife. www.fws.gov/windenergy. There are four rare S3 and critically imperiled S1 plant species on Bowers Mountain and at least 6 bald eagles were spotted flying through its air space. The bald eagles have come back to our lakes and have well-established nests. We do not want to lose them again along with other raptors, bats, owls and song birds. "Of raptors observed, 94 per cent were observed in areas where turbines will be located. Seventy-five per cent of observations of raptors within the Project area were documented at heights less than 119 m (360+ feet) for at least a portion of their flight through the turbine areas." (Exhibit 12 B). There are 377 wetlands (80 of special significance) and vernal pools (59) in the area. Stantec, hired by First Wind, did only a few surveys - one in Fall 2009 and one in Spring 2010. (Application Exhibits 11 and 12). Water pollution effects (run off from huge road building projects) are being minimized by First Wind.

7. **A THOUSAND OR MORE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS COULD BE VISUALLY AFFECTED.**

These particular Industrial Wind Turbines (440 feet) will visually impact 15 or more lakes known for their beauty and recreational value, lakes deemed by LURC to be of "state or national significance." The Turbines are taller (44 stories) than the mountains on which they are situated to "catch the wind" and most are probably only going to be 20% - 40% efficient. First Wind has stated that only a few people live in the affected area. I beg to differ. For instance, Bottle Lake has about 90-100 camps and at least 13/27 industrial wind turbines will visually impact that lake with flicker and red flashing lights at night. Most camps have visitors. Being conservative and estimating 7 -8 visitors per camp, this project is visually impacting at least 700+ people, a not insignificant contribution to the local economy in terms of food, gas and tourist dollars. This estimate does not include camps on Keg, Junior, Norway, Pocomcus, Scraggly, Pleasant, Duck, Mill Privilege, Dobsis, West Grand, Lombard, Shaw, Horseshoe and others. People come to Maine for its scenic beauty and quality of life. The travelers on Route 6 from Lincoln to Topsfield will be treated to MAINE: LAND OF INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES instead of Maine:Vacationland. (Application Exhibit 17).

8. **MAKING MONEY AND CLEAN AIR.**

My own impression is that First Wind is more interested in helping the wind turbine sales business and perhaps generating a miniscule amount of electricity so Boston and Harvard can boast about their clean air ecological footprint. Read the article in the Wall Street Journal April 5, 2011 pg. B1. **"Gabriel Alonso, who runs one of America's biggest wind farm developers, often reminds his employees their goal isn't to stage a renewable-energy revolution. 'This is about making money,' the Chief Executive of Horizon Wind Energy LLC tells his troops."**

9. **WIND DEVELOPERS RECEIVE \$26 BILLION IN FEDERAL DOLLARS.**

Electricity generated by wind power is the most expensive form of energy you can buy and also the most unpredictable. No individual can afford it or depend on it. How then can a company make a profit if no profit is possible because its product is too expensive? Where does the money come from to allow First Wind/Champlain to pay its executives, lawyers, consultants (Stantec, LandWorks, Public Relations, Barton Gingold, etc), other employees and their perquisites? Where does the money come from to allow First Wind to purchase multimillion dollar Siemens wind turbines, when that land-based technology is now outdated and only 20%-40% efficient? (US Energy Secretary Chu). Where does the money come from to allow First Wind to purchase or lease land for big dollars on which to site its turbines that are visual and scenic pollutants? Where does the money come from to allow First Wind to grant money to the local governments of Lincoln, Burlington, Lee, Winn, Carroll (\$92,000/year), and Washington County (\$10,000/year plus Stetson

money) in exchange for permission to erect industrial wind turbines which will forever alter the beauty of their mountain tops and ridges through blasting and leveling of their contours?

In 2007, Wind Developers received \$666 million in tax subsidies. In 2011, Wind Developers will receive **\$2.6 billion dollars** per year for the next 10 years. This \$26 billion is more than the \$20 billion received by Big Oil over the same time. (Address to US Senate by Senator Lamar Alexander May 18, 2011).

Directly or indirectly, the “Big Wind” industry is sustained by massive infusion of government money through federal tax subsidies and loans (read my federal tax dollars). This frees up corporate funding for grants to local governments and could be seen as a form of federal/corporate welfare, creating dependency on the giver and destroying initiative. This money can be used to “persuade” local people to approve ill-advised wind projects in exchange for lower taxes.

What if Congress cut that \$26 billion dollars from the US budget? What if First Wind or its international corporation went bankrupt? I will have to assume that the local governments have a trust fund in which all the money promised them over the future years has already been safely deposited or they have a backup plan.

With that much money Wind Developers can pretty much “get anything” they want. The local citizen or “little guy” challenging them with their donated \$5000 or \$10,000 dollars is overwhelmed.

10. THE HIGHER ROAD.

Nevertheless there is merit in attempting to curb the despoiling of the natural environment. There is honor in protecting the habitats of plants and animals that have no voice and are powerless to protect their forest homes, wetlands and vernal pools. These few committed people have chosen to take the higher road – to cherish and preserve what is beautiful and lovely and true, to maintain independence rather than dependency and to express their right to give an opinion without fear of reprisal. I applaud them and I thank them for making the effort. They set a high standard for every citizen to follow and I commend them for their love of Maine and its traditional values.

I have taught Environmental Science using texts by Cunningham and Cunningham, G. Tyler Miller, etc. and I deal with all the pros and cons (Taking Sides, T. Easton, McGraw-Hill 2010). The Down East Lakes area is **NOT** the place for 27 more Industrial Wind Turbines - the Mid West is - where the farmers can make \$100,000 per turbine. Land-based wind technology is already out-dated (Sec. of Energy Chu); turbines often produce only a small percentage of their MW rating and often do not produce electricity when the power is needed. The air is not cleaner in Maine because of the presence of wind turbines. As noted above, our air pollution comes from the Mid-West. Maine can get cheaper green electricity from Canadian hydropower. I am a

member of Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative and we are very, very green.

Industrial Land Wind Turbines are forever altering Maine's mountain tops and despoiling the scenic beauty which is the hallmark of our State. It is time to halt or reverse this devastating policy. I hope you take the higher road based on the "state and national significance" of the region, the impact on threatened or imperiled wildlife and the importance of wilderness to the economy of the Down East lakes area.

Sincerely,



Ellen W. McLaughlin, PhD. Professor Emeritus, Biology Dept. Samford University.

- Vice President for Programs and Nature Sanctuary Chair, Birmingham Audubon Society, Member National Audubon Society.
- Coordinator, Developer and Instructor - the Natural History Certificate Program for Central Alabama through Samford After Sundown.
- Member Alabama Wildflower Society, Cahaba River Society, Friends of Shades Creek
- Member Sierra Club, World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Defenders of Wildlife, etc.
- Contributor, Bottle Lake, Maine Newsletter
- Author, compiler, photographer of "Wildflowers of Lakeville, Maine."
- VLMP Lakes Monitor.
- Seasonal resident Maine for 50+ years, Lakeville, Maine. Visitor to Wytovitlock, Maine for my whole life.

From: [V.L.LONG](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mountain Project
Date: Friday, June 24, 2011 11:05:50 AM

Hello,

As a property owner and taxpayer in the state of Maine I would like to say No to the Bowers Mountain Project. I say, maintain our natural beauty in Maine. It is what attracts tourism and is what Maine "Is". This project would be a black thumbprint on Maine's charm and beauty.

Victor Long
Drew's Lake
Maine

From: skippyrb@myfairpoint.net
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mountain Project
Date: Friday, June 24, 2011 1:51:31 PM

Please do not approve the Bowers Mountain Project. My wife and kids visit this area each year as well as many other pristen areas in northern Maine. Please preserve these areas ,there are very few left. Build the wind mills in Boston on top of the highest buildings, no one will notice them there.

Thank You
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From: emurphy07@verizon.net
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Subject: Bowers Mountain Project
Date: Monday, June 27, 2011 11:42:21 AM

Dear Mr. Todd;

I returned yesterday evening (June 26) from Camp Bailey on Junior Lake where five of my fishing buddies and myself had spent the week. We fished Junior, Scraggly, Horseshoe Lakes and Junior Stream to Junior Bay. We have been going to this part of Maine to fish every year since 1995--17 years. There are never fewer than six in our group, sometimes eight or nine. In September we go to the Greenville area. We love Maine for its unrivalled natural beauty, and the fishing is pretty darn good to. Some from our group return in November for deer hunting.

On the way to Junior Lake we have breakfast at Dysarts Truck Stop and we return there on our way home. We shop for supplies and gasoline in Springfield and Lincoln. We forget the budget on these fishing trips. We spend money.

One of the first things I did when I returned home was pick up the latest edition of The Maine Sportsman which arrived while I was away. I was appalled at reading the letter to the editor, Say No to Bowers Mountain Project. We saw the clusters of wind turbines in and around Lincoln. These things should not be built in the area described in this letter. To allow this would be a terrible mistake. I know we need the electricity and these projects have their place, but please not within eyesight distance of these pristine treasures. I know I am speaking for my fishing buddies when I tell you that if they are built there we will not return.

I hope you and others involved in the decision making process will do the right thing and deny this permit.

Respectfully Yours,
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From: [Marie Zwicker](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mountain Project
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011 3:39:24 PM

It is my understanding that there will be a Public Hearing and a LURC review on June 27 and 28, 2011 at the Ella P. Burr School in Lincoln at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Bowers Mountain Wind Project. The Bowers Mt. project, where the developer, Boston based First Wind has proposed 27 forty-three story tall turbines spread out over 4.5 miles of mountain tops and ridgelines will directly overshadow one of Maine's most precious watersheds. It appears that the Downeast Lakes Region is under direct assault by First Wind. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meetings, but I wish to submit my comments regarding the project and express my very strong opposition to the project.

This project, proposed to be built at the very head of the watershed will directly impact more than a dozen lakes, many of which are LURC rated Class 1A and 1B for their "statewide or national significance". This project, if approved, will have an irreparable and permanent impact on the traditional tourism based businesses that require the scenic splendor and wilderness characteristics that the area currently enjoys. The Grand Lake Stream Region must remain pristine and wild.

According to the information in the application, the 27 wind turbines will be built on Bowers Mtn and South Peak in Carroll Plt and Dill Hill in Kossuth with an approximate capacity of 60 MW although the permit application is not specific about the number or model of turbines or the number or location of the MET towers.

As you well know, the Downeast Lakes Region has been attracting outdoors enthusiasts for over a century. The Downeast Lakes Watershed is a system of 13+ lakes, interconnected by navigable waterways. The waters are clean, the forests plentiful and manmade intrusions have been kept to a minimum. This makes the area a mecca for photography, canoeing, kayaking, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, skiing, ice-fishing, snowmobiling, etc. The guestbooks of the local sporting camps are full of names from all over the US and the World.

At the foot of the watershed lies the village of Grand Lake Stream, world renown for its fishing and the century old salmon hatchery that provides landlocked salmon to the rest of the State. This region is home to the largest number of fulltime professional guides in Maine as well as the State's greatest concentration of Class 1A and 1B lakes. Other than some timber harvesting, this region is almost 100% directly or indirectly dependent on the year-round outdoors recreational economy. It would be criminal to destroy this pristine wilderness area.

To reiterate, my major reasons (including the reasons discussed above) for my very strong opposition to the project include:

1. Bowers Mountain is the source of three brooks which support wild populations of brook trout.
2. The area is an important bird and bat migratory route and nesting area for bald eagles, herons and ospreys.
3. The project will do irreparable harm to the wildlife and wild areas and will destroy the tops of the mountains.
4. Because of the topography, the visual impact will be large and do irreparable

damage to the unique local economy.

5. The flashing lights will be visible for approximately 20 miles across the lakes.
6. Few studies have been conducted on how the turbine sound will travel down the slope and across these large bodies of water.
7. Few if any studies have been conducted on how the turbine sound and flashing lights will impact the wildlife.
8. the value of property in the region is closely tied to its natural state, so the turbines will cause devaluation of property values.
9. The cumulative impact of the existing Stetson I, Stetson II and Rollins projects is already considerable.
10. At 428' tall, these turbines will be the tallest in the state.

For all these reasons listed and discussed above, I strongly oppose the proposed project and strongly urge you to deny its application. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Thank you,
Marie Louise Morandi Long Zwicker
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Sullivan, ME 04664
(207)460-8920

From: [Nadianichols](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mt Project
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2011 9:02:36 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

Please say no to the Bowers Mt/Flrst Wind project. It's time to stop this madness. Maine is far too beautiful to sacrifice to industrial wind. Below is an excellent summation of why we need to protect all of Maine's unspoiled places.

It's not hunting season but there's plenty of 'shots' being fired in the ongoing battle to save one of the state's most historic and significant watersheds from the irreparable and permanent damage on the scenic character and wilderness setting that is the liveblood of the traditional businesses in this entire watershed. I'm referring to the Downeast Lakes Watershed. First Wind LLC of Boston is going through the LURC permitting process right now to build an industrial wind turbine project that would consist of 27 forty-three story tall turbines overshadowing suchs pristine lakes as Pleasant, Scraggly, Junior, Lower Dobsi, Pocumcus, West Grand, and several others that total over 17,000 surface acres. This watershed's significance goes back well over 100 years to when the state of Maine realized the value of what today is still the purest strain of Landlocked salmon anywhere in New England and built a hatchery in Grand Lake Stream in 1877. This watershed hosts the highest concentration per capita of registered Maine guides in the state. It has the highest concentration of Class 1A and 1B lakes in the state, which means they are rated to be "of statewide or national significance" in the state's Wildlands Lake Study. It also hosts such historied lodges such as Weatherby's, Leen's, The Pines, Grand Lake Lodge, as well as more than half a dozen others throughout the watershed. These lodges are unique not only because the likes of Calvin Coolidge, Ted Williams, Norman Mailer, Jimmy Doolittle, and Curt Gowdy frequented them, but also because they cumulatively are one of the biggest employers in the region.

The scenic impact assessment study submitted by First Wind says very arrogantly, that the fishermen who come to this watershed can orient themselves away from the turbines when they fish, or go fish in a cove that hides you from that view. Can you believe the arrogance of this Boston based company! People from literally, around the globe, have been coming to this watershed for over 100 years to vacation in an area that combines the serene scenic character of a wilderness setting, with some of the best fishing the state has to offer. They spend their hard earned vacation time and money on gas, food, lodging, license fees, and much more to be able to sit in the front end of a guide's Grand Laker canoe and take in the very best that mother nature has to offer. But all that will end if this project gets approved by LURC. Sportsmen will not fly or drive 10-12 hours to come fish and recreate in the shadow of an industrial energy site chances are they can save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars by staying close to home if they didn't mind recreating in an industrial environment!

Thank you.
Penny Gray
Registered Maine Master Guide
Harraseeket Inn
162 Main Street
Freeport, Maine 04032
865-9377

From: [Ernest Weaver](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mt. Project.
Date: Friday, June 24, 2011 11:18:23 AM

Mr. Todd,

Another big project by First Wind? We should be using the ocean tides to generate electricity. We are beating up the view around scenic locations in Maine. The pristine atmosphere will be ruined along with the pollution problems.

Maine's licence plate of vacationland will soon have to be changed to turbineland.

I cringe at the thought of it! Let's take a deep breath before approving something of this magnitude in the Bowers Mountain area.

Sincerely,

Ernest H. Weaver

From: [aaCarl Beaulieu](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mt. Wind Turbines
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 2:11:42 PM

I think wind turbines are beautiful.

I support Bowers Mt. wind turbines in the Danforth, Orient ME region, overlooking East Grand Lake.

I am a frequent visitor to East Grand Lake, Orient ME.

Carl Beaulieu

20A Washington Park #3

Andover MA 01810

From: [Matt Small](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mtn/Kossuth project
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:15:36 PM

Greetings Mr. Todd

I am writing in opposition to the Bowers Mtn/Kossuth wind farm project. While I am in favor of these sorts of projects I think they need to be very careful where they are placed. I am sure I don't have to tell you that Maine's biggest treasure is its natural beauty and wildlife, has been since the beginning of time. Never has Maine's biggest treasure been threatened in a manner such as this. We have erected dams that have disturbed our fishing, paper mills that have polluted our water ways and now turbines. It seems to me that one day we will look back and say "what were we thinking, we should have been more careful" just like we are with dams and mills. Please do everything in your power to see that these wind farms do not take away from Maine's natural beauty and the one thing that distinguishes it from the other 49.

We need visionaries that are willing to allow the people in opposition to speak and be heard. Thank you for your time.

Matt Small
Belfast Maine

From: [Conant's](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Mtn/Kossuth proposed wind project
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:45:16 PM

Mr. Todd:

We are writing to let you know that we are two Maine residents, along with many others, that are opposed to this project. We have been enjoying this area for the last 13 years and so much that we purchased a rustic camp in Lakeville 3 1/2 years ago. Right now we can only get up there once a month, but we hope to retire there in another 8-10 years. That is, if it's not ruined by yet more of the wind farms that are taking over Maine's scenic views.

Our heart and soul is in this region for its quiet way of life (something that's no longer in southern Maine), mountains, lakes and streams. We enjoy the summer nights, sitting around our camp fire listening to the loons and looking at the star-filled sky that looks so much more spectacular than it does at our home in southern Maine.

We would like you to hear our concerns regarding the industrial wind development on the ridges of Maine. It appears to us that there is no end to the destruction of Maine's beautiful ridges by the construction of industrial wind turbines. The industrial wind industry is steamrolling through the rural and undeveloped portions of Maine, while the majority of citizens in southern Maine can largely ignore the issue or enjoy a "feel good" mood about it while not seeing, feeling or hearing them.

We do not want our hard earned tax dollars subsidizing an industry that will not curb our dependence on oil, will provide minimal and short term job opportunities for Maine people, cannot stand on its own financially and most importantly, to us, destroys the beautiful wild panoramas that set us apart from almost every other state in the country.

Please consider our opposition when First Wind tries to go forward on this project.

Thank you for your time,

Tici & Gary Conant
Raymond/Lakeville

From: [patricia.verbeeck](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Wind Project -
Date: Monday, May 30, 2011 7:48:54 PM

May 30, 2011

Dear Mr. Todd,

I want to add my voice to those who oppose the Bowers Mountain Project. My family has been on the Downeast Lakes as annual summer campowners for over 50 years. We have lived in the area before the time of the Civil War. Thus, we have seen changes to the area over time. This change, however, is so damaging to the watershed area in terms of disturbing the quiet sense of peace and tranquillity especially with the incredible night skies on the lakes - that it "shocks the senses."

My children make the 5th generation to enjoy one of the affected lakes. We all come away from our time on the lake with a great sense of peace and closeness with nature - these windtowers add nothing to this experience--it will only detract. The mere thought of 27 forty-three story turbines overshadowing the trees and lakes with the lighting involved totally changes the lake experience. I can't imagine what it does to the wildlife in the area with the noise and the light together. It is indeed self-serving to ask that the fishermen, or kayakers and canoe fans to just orient themselves into another direction! This comes across as arrogant and in the line of "Just let them eat cake"! My camp and my dock can not be "re-oriented" to avoid the continual light and blinking that will come from these metallic "trees" - how absurd a thought that is!

We are all well aware that this industry is heavily supported by federal funds and that the permanent jobs that will be left once the project is finished will be few.

This area is unique, can not be duplicated, and is a sample of what the "old Maine" feel has been on the Downeast Lakes--my guess is that none of the corporate executives have, or would want to have, such metal monstrosities in their backyards at their homes or their summer homes! Neither do we!

Patricia McKay Verbeeck
Lakeville Campowner

From: [Pat_DeFilipp](#)
To: [Todd_Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Wind Project Hearing
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 2:02:37 PM
Attachments: [Bowers LURC Hearing 6.27.11.doc](#)

Fred, thanks for letting me speak at the Bowers Wind Project hearing last night in Lincoln. Attached is a copy of my testimony for your records.

Thanks again, Pat

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**Maine LURC Hearing for
Bowers Wind Project
June 27th, 2011**

Testimony of Patrick A. DeFilipp

My name is Pat DeFilipp. I am a resident of Auburn, Maine. I work for Reed & Reed, a contractor in Woolwich, Maine. We have been fortunate to work with First Wind on the Mars Hill, Stetson 1, Stetson 2, and Rollins Wind projects.

I feel that the Bower Wind project should be approved. Wind power is good business, good for the State of Maine and is an economic shot in the arm for the area. It lessens our dependence on foreign oil.

We just recently completed the construction of the Rollins Wind project just down the road from the Bowers project. On this project, we had approximately 230,000 work hours. This is the equivalent of 115 people working for a year. During the peak of the project, we had over 200 people on site; the vast majority of these were Maine residents.

We have paid over approximately 30 million dollars to subcontractors and suppliers working on the project. These are mostly Maine companies including:

- Sargent Corporation – Stillwater
- Maine Drilling & Blasting-Gardiner
- Stallion Rebar-North Waterborough
- SGC Engineering-Orono
- James Sewall Company-Old Town
- SW Cole-Bangor
- Seaboard Security-Brewer
- ARC-Kingfield
- Goodwin Well Drilling-Turner
- Blane Casey Company-South China
- NS Giles Foundations-Bangor
- Ramsey Welding-Lincoln
- Treeline-Lincoln
- HC Haynes-Winn
- Gardiner & Sons-Lincoln

This project will also create tangible benefits, tax revenues, and permanent jobs which will benefit the area for a long time to come.

I would also like to comment on the construction of these projects, having had experience with them.

These projects are built responsibly. They are constructed to minimize any effect to the environment.

- Before work is started, a Storm Water and Pollution Prevention plan is submitted
- It is reviewed and approved by engineers and regulatory agencies
- Erosion control measures are installed prior to construction
- As construction progresses, daily inspections are done by contractor staff
- If any issues are found, work is stopped until it is corrected
- Third party inspectors come at regular intervals and after rains
- They reported to the regulatory agency
- Inspections are done by design engineers
- At the completion of construction, the site is rehabilitated as specified
- Once re-growth has been established, silt fences will be taken down.
- We make every effort we can to protect our State

Thank you

From: [Ken & Jeannine](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Cc: [Kevin & Marie Gural](#)
Subject: Bowers Wind Project
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2011 12:07:04 PM

Dear Mr. Todd;

My husband Kenneth and I wish to add our names to those who are opposed to the industrial wind turbines on Bowers Mountain and in the township of Kossuth.

We are Mainers who had lived "away" for years but always planned on returning to our beloved state. We have been back for 16 + years and selected this the downeast watershed area for it's scenic beauty (with little to no intrusion of commercialism) and a vast number of recreational opporntunities. We dearly love our choice and will be saddened deeply if we lose the natural beauty and tranquility of "our place"

It is obvious from the wind farm development already in place in nearby areas that the beauty of our area will be changed, both negatively and dramatically.

We sincerely ask that you and the other members of LURC focus on maintaining the "quality of place" not just for our area but for the entirety of our very special state "Maine". We ask specifically,that you please deny the development of the industrial wind farm on Bowers Mountain and nearby Kossuth.

Sincerely,

Jeannine and Kenneth Ouellette

From: [charles birlem](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Bowers Wind Project
Date: Sunday, June 05, 2011 8:47:51 AM

I just hate to see further windmills spoiling our beautiful state. These things are sprouting like black flies and are just as obnoxious. Please don't allow this to continue. Every year you send someone to check our camp for LURC infractions and find nothing. Why not invest your time to doing something useful and stop this invasion?

From: [Joe.Iacobacci](#)
To: [Todd.Fred](#)
Subject: Carroll Wind Farm Project
Date: Friday, January 21, 2011 11:13:30 AM

Mr. Fred Todd

As an owner of property on Bower's Mountain Road, and an abutter to the First Wind Project I have concern about property value degradation and environmental impact caused by LURC's Permitting process that appears to be unilateral.

Please contact me at any opportunity that allows me (or my council) to voice statement of position opinion for the public record, i.e. **public meetings, and other open LURC sessions.**

Thank you

Joseph William Eacobacci
21 Christmas Tree Ln
Milford, NH 03055
603-759-3894

From: [Corbins](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Comments / Testimony in support of The Bowers Mountain Wind Project in Carroll Plantation, Maine, attached.
Date: Monday, June 20, 2011 10:15:20 AM
Attachments: [Testimony in support of Bowers Mountain Wind Project 6-20-11.docx](#)

To: Fred Todd fred.todd@maine.gov; Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022. Tel 207-287-8786.

From: Michael and Robin Corbin, corbin@fairpoint.net; 1355 Main Road, Carroll Plantation, Maine, 04487. Tel 207-738-4354.

Re: Public Testimony supporting The Bowers Mountain Wind Project in Carroll Plantation.

Dear Mr Todd,

Please find attached our comments / testimony in support of The Bowers Mountain Wind Farm Project in Carroll Plantation. We would appreciate a response assuring you are able to open the attached document and include on the record.

Thank you very much,

Michael and Robin Corbin

To: Fred Todd fred.todd@maine.gov; Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022. Tel 207-287-8786.

From: Michael and Robin Corbin, corbin@fairpoint.net; 1355 Main Road, Carroll Plantation, Maine, 04487. Tel 207-738-4354.

Re: Public Testimony supporting The Bowers Mountain Wind Project in Carroll Plantation.

Date: June 20, 2011

Dear Maine Land Use Regulation Commission,

It is our privilege and pleasure to testify in support of the Bowers Mountain Wind Project in Carroll Plantation.

We are residents of Carroll Plantation, having lived on route 6 in Carroll for the past 31 years. We raised our 3 children here. I served as 2nd Assessor for 15 years, moderated 15 to 20 town meetings, and my wife served as tax collector for 5 years. In 1985 I testified on behalf of Carroll Plantation against a Nuclear Waste Dump, the proposed "Bottle Lake Complex". In 1995 my wife and I were very involved in the planning and carrying out of Carroll Plantation's Sesquicentennial. We have remained involved and committed in the business of Carroll Plantation throughout our time here. Our family hunts, fishes, hikes, cross country skis, snowmobiles and four wheels this lovely remote area we call home.

More recently my wife and I have shown our support at the local town meeting for the Bowers Wind Project. I served on the Tangible Benefits Review Committee, attended all of the meetings, and publicly supported the committee's proposal to recommend to the Plantation to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with First Wind. This culminated in a special town meeting where the residents voted to approve the committee's recommendation and enter into an agreement with First Wind to develop a community benefits package.

Not only do we support this wind project for the obvious financial benefits to the community, but also because we are fundamentally in support of forms of alternative and green energy. We also support further research and development into these areas with the belief that in the future they will become even more efficient.

We live nearby the Stetson 1 and 2 projects, have traveled under them several times, have not found their sight or sound offensive, rather find them quite impressive. The road building and maintenance, as well as the landscaping, have been very beneficial environmentally. They are quite the tourist attraction to family and friends visiting.

Carroll Plantation is a community with many elderly and retired, as well as many people living below the poverty level. They have to travel far for shopping and medical care. Most people employed, including my wife and I, have to commute great distances to enjoy the benefits of living in this remote rural area. Either way, financial stresses are part of the package living here. The positive financial impact this project will have on this community is huge, which bears out in the overwhelming support Carroll Plantation residents have shown for this project, evidenced by straw polls taken at town meeting and the town's vote to enter into a community benefits agreement with First Wind.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of the Bowers Mountain Wind Project. Please feel free contact us if you have any questions or desire further information.

Michael and Robin Corbin

From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#); [nkiely@firstwind.com](#); [jbrowne@verrilldana.com](#); [dylan@nrcm.org](#); [joy.prescott@stantec.com](#); [smahoney@clf.org](#); [ghilton1@myfairpoint.net](#); [Carroll, Catherine M.](#); [Horn-Olsen, Samantha](#); [Mills, Amy](#); [andy@darrowscamp.org](#); [ckldybr@msn.com](#); [forester@almanacmtn.us](#); [Dan Remian](#); [drdpi@cox.net](#); [Gary Campbell](#); [kaycam@aol.com](#); [Kevin Gurall,PPDLW](#); [donamon@psouth.net](#); [finnbardalton@yahoo.com](#); [piruders@unity.ncsu.edu](#); [peteneilborden@gmail.com](#); [rmathiau@roadrunner.com](#); [dobsieguide@yahoo.com](#); [Tracy Allen](#)
Subject: Copies to all!
Date: Friday, May 06, 2011 12:32:40 PM
Attachments: [To.doc Baxter Park.doc](#)

This document was delivered, by me, to the Attorney Generals office! Lenny Murphy.

To: The State of Maine Attorney General, William J. Schneider.

This letter is an informal response to the concerns of Baxter State Park that you are entrusted to protect! It was made clear to me, by a Baxter Park employee, that they could not write you a letter about the problems with the big wind generators because the generators were not next to The Park! I said I would respond for them and explain why they should have standing, input, in this major issue that will threaten their jobs! From the top of Mt. Katahdin objects can be seen from 60 miles in the distance, the wind generators in and around Lincoln are only 40 to 43 miles away and will be clearly seen when the sun and moon are sending light flickering in many directions at once!! Also, many areas can see Mt. Katahdin from more than 60 miles away and if the generators are in the line of sight then the generators will be seen in front of Katahdin!

When the ruling was made, many years ago, to keep the people working at The Park from having their say unless the problem was next to the park could not perceive the problems of today that can cause "The Park" harm from a great distance! It is like a mining company that was releasing pollutants in the water several miles from The Park! If the park is being negatively impacted from a distance then why would anyone want the employees' thoughts not to be considered? Baxter Park, now that The Great Northern is gone, is the only jewel in the center of The State of Maine, if you can think of another one please let me know!

If 27 more, even bigger, wind generators are put in on the Bowers Wind Project to add to the 40 generators that are ready to start spinning soon it will have an even more devastating effect on the tourist trade in the entire Katahdin region, will it not? Adding 27 more generators will also have a cumulative effect on the area as well, no one can deny that fact! The Park is being surrounded by generators that are not effective and are more costly than they are worth! Subsidized projects in Maine on a mountain top in Maine should only be built in the appropriate time of year or the project can be seen as taxation without representation and curial and unusual treatment on the employees, would it not? Please do not let bad business practices continue to install 1,800 wind generators in Maine where they do not belong! Please do not let Baxter Park continue to be encircled by non-productive eye-sores, we can generate all the power The State needs by our students in our schools developing paddlewheels to install in our waterways and the waters of The World! We do not need wind power at all! Creating power from water can save The Planet and will develop 20,000 jobs in Maine alone!

It's time to get real and move into a real clean and job making energy 24 hours a day! The cost of fuel, and pollution, to build a wind generator on a mountain in Maine in the winter will probably never make-up the electricity made by the wind generators! So what is gained if the big companies are getting the monies that we can not afford to give away to unjustifiable projects?

I hope you at least call The People that work at The Park so you can better understand the effects it will have on The Park that you are responsible to protect into the future! Who will visit The Park once it is known on the internet the Mt. Katahdin has been circled by wind generators that are not as green as they are said to be?

I will not go on for pages explaining why big wind power is not effective in reducing fuel prices but will state that if the wind generators continue to invade our mountains and hills at the same rate then in just a few years a flight in a small plane will allow you no sight in Maine without a generator blade in our face, is that what The People of Maine

want, I should say not! So do not let it happen while you do have some say about the future of Maine's surroundings! The People need your leadership in this area around Mt. Katahdin to keep the atmosphere intact as it was meant to be!! We do not need to loose our resources to Companies from out of state that sell off all of our resources at a unfair cost to the People of Maine and our environment!

I will add in a couple of papers that I emailed to Lurc about the problems that installing wind generators and blasting for the generator towers can cause, etc.!

Truly yours, Leonard J. Murphy. Jr.
90 Energy Lane, Woodville, Maine
04457
Home phone 746-9212

From: [mary.truman](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Downeast Lakes
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011 3:18:50 PM

Please do not compromise the pristine natural beauty of this region by degrading the area with industrial wind farms. Maine's largest income is from tourism. Please protect our valuable and irreplaceable resources of our lakes region, and deny the permits for these windfarms. Why should we provide energy for sources outside Maine, when the demand within Maine does not warrant destroying Maine's unique beauty?

Mary Truman
Schoodic Lake
Lakeview Plantation, Me

From: [Lapointe, Jeannine](#) on behalf of [LURC](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: FW: Bowers mountain
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 8:35:12 AM

Fred, Forwarding to you.
Mr. Crosby is on the interested parties list.

From: Vincent Crosby [mailto:2vrcjrlake@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 7:49 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Bowers mountain

It is sad that this phase of the project was allowed to get to this point.
I am opposed to the devastation that this will cause to the beauty of one of the last natural areas of the state.
Shame on us for allowing it!
Vincent Crosby

From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Fw: Dockets 7156, 7250, 7508, 7628
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 9:19:51 AM

----- Original Message -----


From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 9:34 PM
Subject: Fw: Dockets 7156, 7250, 7508, 7628

Fred, more food for thought! Lenny Murphy

----- Original Message -----

From: [GNS](#)
To: [lenny_murphy](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:39 AM
Subject: Fw: Dockets 7156, 7250, 7508, 7628

FYI

[This is the end of the mail from GNS...](#) 

--- On **Wed, 4/6/11**, **Rob Pforzheimer** <rpforz@hotmail.com> wrote:

From: Rob Pforzheimer <rpforz@hotmail.com>
Subject: Dockets 7156, 7250, 7508, 7628
To: psb.clerk@state.vt.us
Cc: "Geoffrey Commons" <geoff.common@state.vt.us>
Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 10:55 AM

Dockets 7156, 7250, 7508, 7628

Dear Ms. Hudson,

Please forward the article below that says wind plants are much less efficient than claimed, to the members of the board and hearing officers. Thank you.

Regards,
Rob Pforzheimer
Sutton, VT

6 April 2011 Last updated at 07:14 ET <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-12985410>

Wind farm efficiency queried by John Muir Trust study

Wind farm in Scotland



The study has challenged industry assertions about the output of wind farms

Wind farms are much less efficient than claimed, producing below 10% of capacity for more than a third of the time, according to a new report.

The analysis also suggested output was low during the times of highest demand.

The report, supported by conservation charity the John Muir Trust, said assertions about the ability of wind farms must be challenged.

It concluded turbines "cannot be relied upon" to produce significant levels of power generation.

The research, carried out by Stuart Young Consulting, analysed electricity generated from UK wind farms between November 2008 to December 2010. Statements made by the wind industry and government agencies commonly assert that wind turbines will generate on average 30% of their rated capacity over a year, it said.

But the research found wind generation was below 20% of capacity more than half the time and below 10% of capacity over one third of the time.

'Different manner' It also challenged industry claims that periods of widespread low wind were "infrequent".

The average frequency and duration of a "low wind event" was once every 6.38 days for 4.93 hours, it suggested.

The report noted: "Very low wind events are not confined to periods of high pressure in winter.

"They can occur at any time of the year."

During each of the four highest peak demands of 2010, wind output reached just 4.72%, 5.51%, 2.59% and 2.51% of capacity, according to the analysis.

It concluded wind behaves in a "quite different manner" from that suggested by average output figures or wind speed records.

The report said: "It is clear from this analysis that wind cannot be relied upon to provide any significant level of generation at any defined time in the future.

"There is an urgent need to re-evaluate the implications of reliance on wind for any significant proportion of our energy requirement."

According to figures from industry body Scottish Renewables, which has yet to comment on the report, electricity generated from renewable sources in the UK grew from 5.6% of total UK electricity generation in 2008 to 6.7% in 2009.

From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
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Subject: Fw: Dockets 7156, 7250, 7508, 7628
Date: Friday, May 06, 2011 12:47:38 PM

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To: [lenny_murphy](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:39 AM
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Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 10:55 AM

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Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 9:21:53 AM

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Date: Friday, May 06, 2011 1:58:31 PM

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These are the first two images for release. I hope it inspires you to make one last push to write to or telephone the EUT committee members before their work session on Thursday. And send these photos to every person you know who has ever taken a hike to enjoy our beautiful state or vacationed here. Again, I weep tears of sadness and anger when I work with these images. This madness of destroying Maine's natural heritage must stop!



This photo was taken from the ground of turbines on the north end of Rollins Mt.



This photo taken from the air shows turbines on a Rocky Dundee ridge in the southern end of the sprawling project. The lake is Upper Pond, home to a nesting pair of eagles right below this ridge.

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Subject: Fw: New thoughts on the problems with big generators developing commercial power from the wind!
Date: Monday, April 11, 2011 9:34:29 AM

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To: [mike](#)
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The first part was easy to understand and part two did take just a few more seconds to fully understand!! Where the generator towers are located compounds the problem because the structures are mostly above the surrounding ground and are catching air that would not normally reach land, a fact that can not be denied! This additional pressure, whether on the mountain top or not, is directly

transferring energy to the base of the tower, another fact that can NOT be denied! That transferred energy is pushing on the earth, mostly, in the direction of the prevailing winds which adds force, friction, upon the earth that "is" having some type of effect on the earth's rotation! Because, it is a fact that for every action there is a equal and opposite reaction, this is a fact we all know and understand! And to compound the problem when the trees are cut down on the mountain, to aid in the generators longevity, it adds greatly to the forces, wind pressure, pushing on the earth, another fact! If the trees remained on the mountain they would be disbursing the wind in a way that has not been considered before in this application! If the trees were in place on the mountains they would not just transfer the wind energy to their roots, unless they were stationary like the generator towers, when the trees bend in the wind they take in the energy and expel it through the length of the tree! Any additional energy will end-up at the roots which will transfer energy to push on Our Planet Earth!

To conclude I will add another fact to consider! Besides the winds pushing additionally on the earth in the direction of the wind, as the wind "changes directions" it will put pressure on "The Earth" from side to side as well making the earth wobble slightly! Remember for every action there is a equal and opposite reaction! When you put a tail on a weather vane it directs the direction does it not, the same will happen with The Earth and enough towering generators are installed! Truly yours, Lenny Murphy. 90 Energy Lane Woodville, Maine 04457

PS Food for thought, the wind blowing against the largest mountain chains, on The Planet, may be helping the continents move on our earth's extremely thin crust? Or depending on the direction of the wind and the movement of the crust the wind may slow down the movement of the crust slightly?!

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To: [Todd, Fred](#); [LURC](#); [First Wind](#)
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I will bring a bill forward to The State and Federal Gov. to make sure that no subsidized project is built in the wrong time in year, it is also a total waste of tax dollars and taxation without representation, clear and simple is it not?! Lets get real, truly yours, Leonard J. Murphy. Jr.

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From: Leonard J. Murphy [mailto:donamon@psouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Todd, thanks for calling me today! Lenny Murphy

Good day, Todd! This letter is in response to First Wind's project of Bowers Wind Project and our conversation!

The project is not being properly evaluated for old Indian sites, so I would like to be on a list of petitioners to ask for a public hearing and to intervene on a personal level! Most old Indian sites had lookout camps on ridge tops and it was a way to spot animals from a distance and to sight people

from a distance! Even today people go to hill tops if lost to get the bearings! Indians brought their dead and dieing to the hill tops to be closer to Their God! Also when the waters came into the land, at least as far as East Millinocket, after the glaciers melted they were force to the hills tops in and around the Lincoln area, etc.!

If the generators go up on the Bowers wind project it will have a " Cumulative Impact " on the area to include Mt. Katahdin, partly best the towers are taller then the ones in The Lincoln area!

If the tall towers are allowed I believe I will be able to see them from my land in Woodville, from a look-out tower I built! If I build the tower 80' as I plan to I will see the towers for sure, it will devalue the land and remove a pristine view of the surrounding mountains to include Mt. Katahdin, Joe Mary Mt., Whitecap Mt., Saddleback Mt. and several more! Will submit more information soon! Truly yours,
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To: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 9:12 AM
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Thanks for the clarification. We'll keep you informed of how this proposal proceeds. The Commission will decide on whether to hold public hearing when it meets on April 6th.

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Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 3:04 PM

To: Todd, Fred

Subject: Todd, thanks for calling me today! Lenny Murphy

Good day, Todd! This letter is in response to First Wind's project of Bowers Wind Project and our conversation!

The project is not being properly evaluated for old Indian sites, so I would like to be on a list of petitioners to ask for a public hearing and to intervene on a personal level! Most old Indian sites had lookout camps on ridge tops and it was a way to spot animals from a distance and to sight people from a distance! Even today people go to hill tops if lost to get the bearings! Indians brought their dead and dying to the hill tops to be closer to Their God! Also when the waters came into the land, at least as far as East Millinocket, after the glaciers melted they were force to the hills tops in and around the Lincoln area, etc.!

If the generators go up on the Bowers wind project it will have a " Cumulative Impact " on the area to include Mt. Katahdin, partly best the towers are taller then the ones in The Lincoln area!

If the tall towers are allowed I believe I will be able to see them from my land in Woodville, from a look-out tower I built! If I build the tower 80' as I plan to I will see the towers for sure, it will devalue the land and remove a pristine view of the surrounding mountains to include Mt. Katahdin, Joe Mary Mt., Whitecap Mt., Saddleback Mt. and several more! Will submit more information soon!

Truly yours, Leonard J. Murphy. Jr.

From: [Vincent Crosby](#)
To: [undisclosed-recipients](#)
Subject: Fwd: Kossuth area windmills
Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 5:51:02 AM
Attachments: [letter concerning windmills.txt](#)

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From: **Vincent Crosby** <2vrcjrlake@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 17, 2011 at 5:49 AM
Subject: Kossuth area windmills
To: Vincent Crosby <2vrcjrlake@gmail.com>

Dear Mr Todd,
Please see the attached letter concerning the windmills in the Bowers
mountain/Kossuth area.
Thakn you ,
Vincent and Donna Crosby
Lakeville, Maine

To whom it may concern,

My name is Vincent Crosby. My family moved here about 10 years ago to enjoy the wilderness way of life. We have been using this area since 1968, when we first found it, because of the wild nature of it.

We started enjoying it in the Pocomcus area at Ellsmore landing by camping, fishing and canoeing.

We have been around the country and have found no other area with the beauty of this area.

We began vacationing at Upper chain lake shortly there after and met some of the local residents. One person told us of the cabin that he owned and the history of it. It was the hunting camp owned by Mr Dennison from the Dennison paper company in Framingham Massachusetts. Many books were written about this area by his son-in-law.

After travelling around this area we found many scenic view points that adds to our enjoyment.

This experience prompted us to move here when we retired. We have tried to be good citizens and have taken part in many of the local programs to benefit the towns. We support all of the activities that we can, except the building of the windmills in the expideted area on Bowers mountain.

We think that the points that have been brought forward by the people opposing the project are justified. This is the way Maine should be and we fully beleive it!

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not allow the Bowers Mountain project to go any further. We have been working very hard to create an atmosphere of wilderness and Would like to see the area stay in the condition that it now is.

Vincent and Donna Crosby

From: [GARY OSGOOD](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Cc: nkiely@firstwind.com
Subject: Gary Osgood/LURC meeting
Date: Friday, June 24, 2011 8:44:08 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I will not be able to attend your Lincoln meetings next week, so I wanted to share my views of First Wind and Bowers Mt. with you via email.

I am a lifelong resident of Carroll Plt., and my family's history in this town goes back to the Civil War days. At that time agriculture and lumbering was what sustained the folks in this region. The early settlers were hoping that a railhead would be in place where Rt. 6 now exists. But to their dismay, the railroad went through the Kingman area, about 20 miles from here.

Farming began to decline early in the 1900's, but a few "stubborn" farmers hung on until the 60-and 70's. There are no agricultural ventures in Carroll as we speak....not one field is being plowed and planted. In the last 40 years Carroll has produced millions of dollars of lumber, harvesting profit for the big companies, and in the process ruined good brook fisheries and destroyed thousands of acres of wildlife habitat. In fact, Carroll Plt has virtually been decimated from one end to the other.

So, First Wind represents the first major industry this town has seen that will directly affect our citizens in a positive way. Yes, there are some who are opposed to wind turbines and don't care to view them. But the majority of local folks I have talked with are in favor of the development on Bowers Mt. It is a step in the right direction for "green power", and it will provide direct tax relief to residents as well as financial benefits to the town as a whole. I have been on Stetson Mt. a number of times and can honestly say that the environment has not been hurt a bit in that area. Certainly, there was some clearing for turbine sites, access roads, and transmission lines. Keep in mind that Stetson Mt. had been logged heavily, and Bowers has been as well. The land cleared for power development is a drop in the bucket when compared to the thousands of acres that have been clear-cut and raped. Where were all the whiners and complainers when the woods was being destroyed by the skidders and harvestors?

It is my understanding that Lakeville may be in line to receive some benefits from the Bowers Mt. Project. I am wondering why any monies at all would go that route. Many part-time and full-time residents of that community are totally against this project because it is going to ruin their pristine view. Without a doubt the towers will be visible from many locations in the lake region, and many folks from that area have been severely critical of the Bowers Mt. Project. I wonder if they would be as critical if the towers were inside their borders and they stood to gain financial benefits? I doubt it. I am sorry but I have little empathy for the Jr.Lake folks that have lined the pristine shores of that lake with many \$200,000 "camps". If they do get First Wind monies, do you suppose they might use some of it to put in a PUBLIC boat landing on Junior Lake??? The answer to that question is a re-sounding NO!! They don't want the added boat traffic on "their" pristine lake.

First Wind is very welcome in Carroll Plt. Once the construction is done and the cleared areas are cleaned up and seeded, wildlife will be in better shape than it is now on Bowers. Most folks have no idea what Bowers looks like at present. I can remember when it was well wooded with large spruce, hemlock, fir, and pine, with many species of hardwood

as well. I am sorry to say that in the last 10 years or so, Bowers has been decimated by the big lumber companies. First Wind will improve and maintain the roads in the area, access will be for all, and the good folks of Carroll Plt. will benefit for years to come. It is your job to listen to the naysayers, and there are a lot of them...For the sake of our town, please allow First Wind to move forward with this project.
Sincerely, Gary Osgood

From: [Dorie Klein](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Please protect Maine against First Wind at LURC Hearings.
Date: Monday, June 27, 2011 8:06:27 AM

Dear respected Mr. Todd,

Please protect Maine against First Wind at the LURC Hearings.

The results of today and tomorrow's LURC Hearings will decide the fate of Bowers Mountain, the Downeast Lakes Watershed, and the surrounding area, including the tiny historic village of Grand Lake Stream. More than that—they will be deciding the fate of Maine.

First Wind, a company with a long history of Enron and Mafia ties, and a company which has been involved in lawsuits and complaints at several of their other wind projects, through yet another shell corporation, 'Champlain Wind LLC,' is looking to put 27 turbines directly over this historic area and these important lakes.



This is the nighttime view of a few of First Wind's Turbines above UpperPond, in Lincoln, Maine

This project has the potential for not only massive environmental damage, including severe impacts on the Federally Threatened Canada Lynx, Bald Eagles, and several species of bats that are likely to soon be listed as endangered, but it also poses a real threat to the entire economy of this section of Maine.

The area around Grand Lake Stream is home to probably the largest concentration of

working Guides in the state, and is also home to many historic Lodges and Sporting Camps. Tourism and Guiding make up the oldest and largest industry in the area, and it is all at stake if LURC approves this project. The people of this area, as well as partners at the State and Federal level have done more work on land conservation in this area, than perhaps anywhere else that I am aware of. They have spent untold time, and millions of dollars to make sure that the lands around this watershed, many thousands of acres, are preserved for future generation of Mainers and visitors.

That will all be for naught if LURC grants this permit.

If this permit is granted, all of the work of generations of Mainers and visitors, will be out the window. Once those turbines, with their flashing red lights go up on the ridges, the tourists, hunters and fisherman who have supported this area for over 150 years, will have no reason to come back.

Once the ridge lines are cut and the new crane paths and turbine pads are blasted into the Mountains, the critical wildlife habitats will be fragmented forever, and there is no telling what that blasting will do to the cold water aquifers that feed those lakes.... [No one has even bothered to do the studies.]

Once the herbicides start being sprayed to keep the power line and turbine clearings open, you can say goodbye to the pure waters that support the purest strain of Landlocked Salmon in Maine.

Once the blades start spinning, it is only a matter of time before migratory birds, bats, and eagles start feeling the effect.

And once all of this happens; the Registered Maine Guides, and the Outfitters, Lodges, and Sporting Camps that have been the lifeblood and tradition of this region for generations, will all become just another endangered species.....

This is bad—VERY BAD! But as bad as it is, that is only the beginning. Remember, the wind industry, with the help of the State of Maine, has set it's sights on practically every unprotected piece of high ground in Maine. At the rate that applications are currently coming in, in five years time, I don't expect that there will be a piece of high ground in Maine that won't be either developed, or within sight of a wind development. If that doesn't scare you, it should!

If LURC approves this project, with its environmental, wildlife, economic and social impacts, there is not a place in Maine that is safe. If they approve this project, the Commissioners will be sending a clear message to the People of Maine that neither they, nor their wildlife, traditions, or economic survival mean a thing. They will be telling us that all bets are off, all protection is out the window, and all of Maine is for sale to the Wind Developers.

And that will be the end of Maine as we know it.....

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!

Industrial wind is a massive scam on the taxpayers of Maine.

We are only going to get one shot at this, folks. If the Bowers Project gets a permit, the die will be cast, and you can kiss Maine goodbye. **YOUR** corner of the State will not be safe. If this project can get a permit—**ANY** project can get a permit!

Thank you for your interest,

(Dave Corrigan)
Dorie Klein, Camden, Maine

From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Re: Bower Wind Project prehearing conference agenda, April 20, 2011
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 9:13:45 AM

Good snowy day to you, Fred! Looks like the snow will keep me home today! I will email a couple of my previous emails and you can use them in place of me! I will also list a few witnesses! Lenny Murphy PS Are you in the same building as The DEP? And I talked to The State Geology Dept. the earthquake probably was caused by the blasting for the generator towers, it was reported to be just 2 MILES from THE blast area! With what I told them they are taking another look at the earthquake in Burlington on March 25!

----- Original Message -----

From: [Todd, Fred](#)
To: [Neil Kiely](#) ; [Browne, Juliet](#) ; [Dylan Voorhees](#) ; joy.prescott@stantec.com ; [Sean Mahoney](#)
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Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 3:05 PM
Subject: Bower Wind Project prehearing conference agenda, April 20, 2011

Chairperson Gwen Hilton has asked that this agenda for the Bowers Wind Project prehearing conference for April 20, 2011, be forwarded to the various participating parties. Please let me know if you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend but wish to comment on any of the agenda items, please let me know as soon as possible.

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From: [Gary Stevens](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Re: PPDW Update - Article alert
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:55:32 PM

Fred,

Thank-you for getting back to me. I thought this might be very interesting concerning wind towers in general. But yes we are very concerned about the Bowers Mountain project. We have been vacationing in the Downeast West Grand lake region for well over ten years. We do not see our selves returning to patronize your local guides or sporting camps at this time. Maine is a beautiful rural state with much undisturbed scereny and wildlife. To allow these towers would be truly a distruction of all that Maine has to offer and would be quite an eyesore for the state!!

Sincerely

Gary Stevens

----- Original Message -----

From: [Todd, Fred](#)
To: [Gary Stevens](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 12:55 PM
Subject: RE: PPDW Update - Article alert

Gary, did you intend this for my general information or a comment specific to the Bowers Mountain project?

Fred

From: Gary Stevens [mailto:birddog@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Fw: PPDW Update - Article alert

----- Original Message -----

From: [Peter Fisher](#)
To: peter@ppdlw.org
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 11:39 PM
Subject: PPDW Update - Article alert

From Kevin:

SteveThurston's letter to the Energy ,Utilities and Technology Committee

- Posted by [monique aniel](#) on February 2, 2011 at 8:34pm

I sent the following email today to each member of the Energy, Technology and Utilities Committee as a follow up to my testimony at their open house on January 13th. This committee will be the gatekeeper for any legislation dealing with wind power.

Dear Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,

Thank you for your kind attention during the Energy portion of your committee's

"open house" on Thursday, January 13th. Representative Fitts and Representative du Houx asked for additional information to elaborate upon the remarks I made during my brief presentation. I hope you find the following information helpful.

Representative Fitts asked for written comments, which I am providing here, and Representative du Houx asked about my statement that the life cycle cost of electricity from wind turbines is \$150 per megawatt. The wind industry lobby will not reveal the actual cost of producing electricity with wind turbines, but the US Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA) published a report in 2010 which contains a table of "levelized electricity prices" which the table shows \$149 per MW as the cost of land based wind power, compared to \$79 for combined cycle natural gas for generation coming on line in 2016. See the following link for the complete report:

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/archive/aeo10/electricity_generation.html

Given that mountain top wind power is significantly more expensive to construct than wind power on flat terrain due to the cost of road building to the tops of the mountains, one can safely assume that wind power on Maine's mountain tops will be comparatively more expensive than wind power in more accessible terrain such as the plains of West Texas, or the cornfields of Iowa or New York, so the estimate contained in the EIA report should be considered conservative for Maine.

In my brief remarks I also mentioned the fact that the 2007-2008 Governor's Task Force on Wind Power did not analyze the cumulative impact of 2700 MW of grid-scale wind power. At a 25% capacity factor, which might be conservatively projected in Maine's mountains, 2700 MW will produce only 675 MW on average. With 33,000 MW of existing generation capacity, the ISO-NE grid operates at a average day time demand of about 17,000 MW.

675 MW is less than 4% of this demand, so even if wind power could offset fossil fuel generation on a 1 to 1 basis as claimed by wind power proponents (no studies of actual grid performance confirm this), the contribution of Maine's wind power goal, if achieved, will be inconsequential in terms of fossil fuel reductions and any associated environmental benefits.

Wind power is essentially a symbolic gesture if fossil fuel reduction is the goal. Even the wind industry recognizes now that "getting off of foreign oil" is a bogus argument since it has become well understood that oil is used for home heating and transportation, not electricity production. Today the rallying cry is "green jobs" in the new "green economy", but these heavily subsidized jobs come at a high cost to the taxpayer and to the real economy.

To understand how the grid integrates wind energy it is important to recognize that wind turbines do not provide reliable, controllable electricity to the grid and therefore the grid operator does not contract with wind generators in its day ahead planning, where by law the next day's anticipated demand must be scheduled to ensure the grid's primary responsibility reliability. Wind power, when available, is perceived

by the grid as an uncontrolled supply, essentially suppressing demand and causing the generators that provide balance between supply and demand, known as “regulating reserves” to ramp up and down as their automatic control systems sense the small changes in voltage that occur throughout the day. The generators which supply regulating reserves are typically smaller generators located throughout the grid. In Maine, hydro electric plants, rather than natural gas plants, may be the most cost effective providers of regulating reserves, so wind power fluctuations may be regulated with an existing renewable rather than a fossil fuel plant. To illustrate this fact, consider that the Calpine gas plant in Rumford does not generate much electricity, but is paid \$1 million per month by the ISO to provide “non spinning reserve” capacity, meaning that it will come online only when the grid’s normal operation is compromised by weather extremes or equipment problems. In the first quarter of 2010 this 265 MW plant, considered state of the art when it was built 10 years ago, only generated electricity for one day. The same is true of the Cousins Island oil plant. It only generates at about 10% of its capacity but is paid a fee to provide capacity when needed.

Wind power will only increase the need for capacity payments because more reserves will be needed to balance the unpredictable and constant fluctuations of wind generation. Only grid scale electricity storage will solve this problem. The technology does not exist to allow electricity from intermittent sources such as wind turbines to be cost effectively stored and later released in the ISO-NE grid.

In addition to ignoring the technical problems of wind generation the Governor’s Task Force also ignored the impact of wind turbines on Maine’s landscape. Wind developer Robert Gardiner testified to the Task Force that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder”, as if wind turbines on Maine’s mountains should be viewed as a subjective matter. Using that logic, would it make any difference if the plan was to install Ferris Wheels, or allow condominium construction or gambling casinos on the mountain tops? It is ironic that Maine’s environmental groups such as NRCM are now criticizing Governor LePage’s regulatory reforms as harmful to Maine’s “Quality of Place” while these same groups have been instrumental in crafting Maine’s expedited process wind law.

2700 MW of installed capacity requires 1000 to 1800 wind turbines, depending on the nameplate rating. At the time of the Governor’s Task Force, the only turbines deployed in Maine were GE 1.5 MW. Lately turbines in the 2 to 3 MW range are being proposed. The larger the turbine the greater the rotor diameter and the more distance is needed between turbines to reduce “rotor wash” or turbulence caused by the vortex of the upwind turbine’s spinning blades. Regardless of the size of the turbines, approximately 360 miles of mountain ridges will be required to place turbines in single file strings on the spines of Maine’s mountains. Largely ignored by the Task Force was the effect of 2700 MW of wind generators on Maine’s landscape, its much heralded “quality of place,” essential wildlife habitat, bird, raptor and bat mortality, the economic impact on tourism, hunting and fishing, guide services, mountain area hospitality industries, etc.

The most disturbing aspect of Maine’s rush to “windependence” is the serious

disruption to citizens' lives that has already occurred in the first communities where turbines have been placed near homes. While the wind industry and the former administration have been united in their denial of the harmful effects of wind turbine noise, the cries of citizens, not only in Maine but around the world is becoming impossible to ignore. It is not only prudent, but morally responsible to fully examine these issues to better understand the true impact of Maine's wind power goals.

There were several presentations that I heard earlier, during the Electricity portion of the meeting, that contained misleading information. Eric Bryant of the Office of the Public Advocate said that after initial reservations his office eventually concluded that the MPRP was a benefit to ratepayers. What he did not say is that the State's goal of 2700 MW of wind power established by fiat the notion that wind power was a presumed benefit to the people of Maine. This presumption pre-empted a logical analysis of the MPRP plan. In fact the MPRP case file refers to that portion of the project that is attributable to Maine's wind goals and places that cost at about \$400 million out of the total \$1.4 billion cost, or almost 1/3 of the total cost of the project. This does not include hundreds of miles of additional transmission projects that will be needed to connect dozens of impractically-sited remote wind farms to the "new and improved" grid. Whether these additional projects are paid for by the wind developers or by CMP/Iberdrola remains to be seen, but either way the ratepayers and taxpayers will foot the bill for an electricity source for which the grid has no fossil fuel reduction program, cannot store the electricity from, and cannot control except to curtail it when it causes reliability problems.

Jeremy Payne of the Maine Renewable Energy Association mentioned claimed that \$800 million dollars of wind power has been installed in Maine thus far. He failed to mention that most of this money was provided by the federal government in the form of stimulus grants, "green energy" subsidies, rapid depreciation, and other federal tax mechanisms. Nor did he mention that the bulk of these, our tax dollars, paid for turbines that were manufactured in foreign countries. Furthermore, increases in taxable property due to turbine projects have in many cases been eroded by TIF agreements which drastically reduce the amounts that would otherwise be assessed for host-community property taxes. The economic benefit to Maine from the wind projects installed to date is a small fraction of the \$800 million in overall costs for these projects. The cost to ratepayers and taxpayers for the few temporary construction jobs created is many times more than the wages paid by the developers for these jobs.

In summary, members of the Citizens' Task Force on Wind Power will join you this session to help policymakers understand how meager are the presumed benefits of grid-scale wind development in Maine's mountains, and how negative are the true impacts -- to our economy, our citizens, and our environment. We look forward to working with you this session.

Sincerely,
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<http://www.windtaskforce.org/profiles/blogs/stevethurstons-letter-to-the>

From: [Tracy Allen](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Cc: [Horn-Olsen, Samantha](#)
Subject: Regarding Bower's Mtn Project - DP 4889
Date: Friday, June 24, 2011 9:10:52 AM
Attachments: [LURC.docx](#)

Dear Mr. Todd and Miss Horn-Olsen -

Unfortunately - work schedules did not allow me and my husband to remain in Maine for LURC's visit to the Bower's Mtn project Monday and Tuesday of next week. Please accept my 'testimony' in writing regarding Chaplain Wind's proposed industrial wind project - DP 4889.

Contact me if you have any problems opening the file - either e-mail: muttleys1@att.net or phone: 207-738-2421 (through Saturday 6/25) and after that 706-492-7000.

Thank you

Tracy Allen

6/23/11

Dear LURC Commissioners

"They are doing an awful lot of damage to our quality of life, our mountains," ... "I don't think it's going to lower the cost of energy. I think in 10 years we're going to be like Sweden and Denmark and we're going to be swearing at ourselves."

That was a statement regarding industrial wind towers, made by Governor LePage at a Rockport Town Hall meeting on June 18th. I am writing to ask you to consider that perhaps the 'Expedited Wind Law' set in motion by Baldacci was not the best idea for Maine.....and make the decision to NOT approve DP 4889; an Industrial Wind Project that will have a negative and, irreparable, impact on an amazing chain of lakes.

My husband, Phillip Daw, and I lived in Carroll Plantation, ME for 15 years. I will leave it to him to explain the pressure we felt to sell the farm house and land that we owned in Carroll Plantation but will tell you that we still own a home on Junior Lake in Lakeville. I implore you to consider the negative impact the Bower's Mountain Industrial Wind Power Project will have on the lakes in this region: The Downeast Lakes Watershed. I am most familiar with Junior Lake – so will limit my comments to Junior lake; but please realize that Scraggly, Bottle, Keg, Pocumcus, Junior Bay, Norway and West Grand Lake – are all interconnected and enjoyed/ used by all.

As you know Junior lake was rated 1B in LURC's 1987 Maine Wilderness Lake Assessment. A large portion of the Eastern shore of Junior is either owned by the Downeast Lakes Land Trust (and has no

development) or the Passamquody Tribe (with only a few rustic camps). There are a few 'original' camps located right on the water but the majority of the development has followed LURC's setback and tree clearing restrictions and the lake retains a feeling of remoteness and wild beauty. It is appreciated not only by people who live on the lake and/or in the area but by people that come from far and wide to camp, canoe, boat and fish.

The tour of the lakes next week is obviously dictated by First Wind – your time on the lakes is going to be limited due to the fact that it takes approx. 30 minutes to get through Bottle Lake Stream into Junior lake. I hope that they at least stop in the middle of Junior and give you a chance to look around. Better yet, I would hope that they would head down to the 'south beach' (or at least there's a beach visible in summer when the water is lower) and look North towards Bower's Mountain. It's an amazing sight; a long view of Junior that leaves me with the feeling that I am in a bowl of Mountains. Sure it's outside the 8 mile cutoff – but I can guarantee you that it will still be ruined by the Bower's Mtn Industrial Wind project.

And this is only my concerns for the daytime vistas – it breaks my heart to think what these towers and their flashing lights are going to do to the nighttime skies. No longer will we be able to sit outside and appreciate the dark night skies filled with the milky way and shooting stars – that black night sky will now be dominated by a string of flashing red lights.

Please don't let this happen – you can determine that this project is not appropriate for this location and save not only a piece of history but also a piece of Maine wilderness that can't be replaced.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Allen

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From: [Merrylyn Sawyer](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Cc: [Knight, RepGary](#); [Cain, RepEmily](#); [Saviello, Thomas](#)
Subject: The Bowers Mt. Project
Date: Friday, June 24, 2011 10:05:54 PM

Hello Fred,

I strongly object to the Bowers Mt. Project proposed by First Wind.

I cannot say just how strongly I object. I am not sure there are words to describe the anger I feel toward a company such as First Wind coming to the state of Maine to make its millions and to rape our landscape.

Maine and the people who have been born here and/or lived here most of their lives treasure our coastline, our mountains and our lakes. We have something unique that no other state has. We have a rugged coastline. We have inland lakes that are jewels to behold. We have softly rounded mountains and we have precipitous knife edges on our mountains. We are Maine and this is Maine.

Maine must not be marred by any more huge wind turbines. Wind turbines this size demand Olympic swimming pool size concrete bases. These bases will be here for next to forever. Huge wind turbines demand huge power lines. All this means roads up previously unscarred mountain terrains. Huge power lines demand thousands of ugly towers scarring our landscape, giving off cancerous waves of irradiation and killing birds and bats to say nothing of what it does to the beauty of our state and the health of our people.

I could keep on, but I assume you understand how strongly I object to the Bowers Mountain Project proposed by First Wind. Keep these \$#!&^% companies out of Maine. They make the money, they reap the profits, and the people of Maine look at the scars on the landscape for the rest of their lives.

Stop and think about what CMP did in the 20's and 30's when they dammed up the Kennebec and wiped out all the civilization in the valley up above Bingham. For what? For what at the time seemed the only answer to producing electricity. You know just as well as I do that with the refinement of tidal turbines, solar power and other non-scarring technology, we will have more power. Wind power will come and go just as so many ill-conceived ideas for power have in our life time. I lived in Bingham for a while. I knew families that had been displaced.

Have you canoed Flagstaff lake? have you seen the top of the church steeple above the water line? Have you talked to people who got moved out of Dead River and Flagstaff so the Dead River could be dammed up? People lost their homesteads. Do you know what this means? They lost the fields they had tilled, here and in Bingham. This is all a crime. It was a crime in the earlier part of the twentieth century when these dams were built and it is a crime now when mountains are being raped by multimillion dollar companies to erect turbines that will be outfashioned and outdated in another ten years, if that. They are a quick fix for a problem that is already about to be fixed by tidal turbines and inexpensive solar.

If we didn't have to spend all our time fighting these &^%#^ companies that come to Maine to ruin our landscape, we could be studying how we can best use solar and

tidal energy to solve our energy needs.

Read this email and think about all this. I would hate to have to tell my children that I knew a man by the name of Fred Todd who was instrumental in destroying a number of species on mountain tops and ruining the landscape in many parts of our state of Maine.

Think about that for a while. Do you want to tell your grandchildren that you were instrumental in ruining mountain tops so that when they grew up there were all these ugly towers no longer in use and all these huge concrete bases sitting on the top of an otherwise beautiful mountain?

I want to hear back from you about how you would tell your grandchildren about your part in all this. I ask that you reply to my email and explain just how you might justify anything along the lines of the Bowers Mt. Project.

I will be awaiting a response.

Thank you.
A life long Mainer,

Merrylyn Sawyer
Grew up in Waterford, I've lived in Orono, Bingham, Augusta, Winthrop and Maine and I've climbed many mountains and swum in many lakes in our beautiful state of Maine

From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Thoughts for todays meeting!
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 9:52:43 AM

Fred, this is my biggest complaint, to add to what I have submitted!

As we push forward to make clear that big wind generators should be a private investment and not taxation without representation we must all learn to understand and follow the laws that are in front of us all! Clearly The Fed. is violating the law when we are taxed without representation and these free payments to the wind industry will also push our taxes and cost of electricity even higher as we are asked to pay for some of the cost for new transmission lines, etc.! Now that you know that the Federal rulings are not just to follow the ruling of The Federal guidelines is wrong and any official that promotes such a action maybe held accountable! The Nuremburg trails will still hold officials accountable from knowingly breaking the law!

I will bring a bill forward to The State and Federal Gov. to make sure that no subsidized project is built in the wrong time in year, it is also a total waste of tax dollars and taxation without representation, clear and simple is it not?! Lets get real, truly yours, Leonard J. Murphy. Jr.

From: [Leonard J. Murphy](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: To.doc Baxter Park.doc Fred, please add this to my evidence!
Date: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:13:14 AM

To: The State of Maine Attorney General, William J. Schneider. This letter is an informal response to the concerns of Baxter State Park that you are entrusted to protect! It was made clear to me, by a Baxter Park employee, that they could not write you a letter about the problems with the big wind generators because the generators were not next to The Park! I said I would respond for them and explain why they should have standing, input, in this major issue that will threaten their jobs! From the top of Mt. Katahdin objects can be seen from 60 miles in the distance, the wind generators in and around Lincoln are only 40 to 43 miles away and will be clearly seen when the sun and moon are sending light flickering in many directions at once!! Also, many areas can see Mt. Katahdin from more than 60 miles away and if the generators are in the line of sight then the generators will be seen in front of Katahdin!

When the ruling was made, many years ago, to keep the people working at The Park from having their say unless the problem was next to the park could not perceive the problems of today that can cause "The Park" harm from a great distance! It is like a mining company that was releasing pollutants in the water several miles from The Park! If the park is being negatively impacted from a distance then why would anyone want the employees' thoughts not to be considered? Baxter Park, now that The Great Northern is gone, is the only jewel in the center of The State of Maine, if you can think of another one please let me know!

If 27 more, even bigger, wind generators are put in on the Bowers Wind Project to add to the 40 generators that are ready to start spinning soon it will have an even more devastating effect on the tourist trade in the entire Katahdin region, will it not? Adding 27 more generators will also have a cumulative effect on the area as well, no one can deny that fact! The Park is being surrounded by generators that are not effective and are more costly than they are worth! Subsidized projects in Maine on a mountain top in Maine should only be built in the appropriate time of year or the project can be seen as taxation without representation and curial and unusual treatment on the employees, would it not? Please do not let bad business practices continue to install 1,800 wind generators in Maine where they do not belong! Please do not let Baxter Park continue to be encircled by non-productive eyesores, we can generate all the power The State needs by our students in our schools developing paddlewheels to install in our waterways and the waters of The World! We do not need wind power at all! Creating power from water can save The Planet and will develop 20,000 jobs in Maine alone!

It's time to get real and move into a real clean and job making energy 24 hours a day! The cost of fuel, and pollution, to build a wind generator on a mountain in Maine in the winter will probably never make-up the electricity made by the wind generators! So what is gained if the big companies are getting the monies that we can not afford to give away to unjustifiable projects?

I hope you at least call The People that work at The Park so you can better understand the effects it will have on The Park that you are responsible to protect into the future! Who will visit The Park once it is known on the internet the Mt. Katahdin has been circled by wind generators that are not as green as they are said to be?

I will not go on for pages explaining why big wind power is not effective in reducing fuel prices but will state that if the wind generators continue to invade our mountains and hills at the same rate then in just a few years a flight in a small plane will allow you no sight in Maine without a generator blade in our face, is that what The People of Maine want, I should

say not! So do not let it happen while you do have some say about the future of Maine's surroundings! The People need your leadership in this area around Mt. Katahdin to keep the atmosphere intact as it was meant to be!! We do not need to loose our resources to Companies from out of state that sell off all of our resources at a unfair cost to the People of Maine and our environment!

I will add in a couple of papers that I emailed to Lurc about the problems that installing wind generators and blasting for the generator towers can cause, etc.!

Truly yours, Leonard J. Murphy. Jr.
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From: [willet beavers,jr](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: Windmills in Washington Co.
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 2:16:13 PM

I find it ironic that LURC does so much to try to preserve the lake shores and surrounding land, and yet is involved with the permitting process for windmills that will permanently destroy the area.

If you allow this to happen, shame on you!

Just drive through Lincoln, and see how their landscape has changed. Definitely not for the better.

Bill Beavers
Forest City, Me.

From: [Mike](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: ?
Date: Monday, June 13, 2011 9:24:12 PM

Hi Fred What will persuade LURC to deny the Bowers project? I don't want to speak about topics which will have no relevance. I want LURC to deny the permit. What will convince them? Thanks, Mike DiCenso

From: [Mike](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: ?
Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011 11:53:44 AM

Hi Fred I was worried years ago when the state did a lake assessment study and graded lakes according to standards who knows who made up. I thought it may protect some lakes but could be the end for lakes deemed not as worthy. I figured the developers were hungry for peppering the shorelines with camps when the waterfront property was really hot. The Lincoln lakes were not significant I guess. The lakes are dark, warm, and manmade, mostly. Mattanawcook Lake water changes (flushes is the correct term, I guess, but there must be a better term) 3 times per year. Cold Stream Lake changes only once every 3 years, so the crystal clear lake actually has a higher coliform count than Mat. Lake. That study was done by R. Lyons, an engineer, several years ago. The lakes may be man made, but over the last hundred years looked as natural as any lake except for the obvious dams, which were wooded and looked OK and not industrial at all. Then the state told the mill the Folsom and Upper Pond dams were not safe and needed all the trees cut and more rocks added. I tried to discuss this with Bill Murch but they were adamant it was needed. The original dikes were built with huge rocks. Over the years as the area returned to a natural appearance, the rocks were covered with leaves, debris, driftwood etc. and but the dike was still strong as ever. Now with the new rocking it looks like the heavy hand of man intruded again. In 30 years or so it will start to look natural and then someone will decide the dam needs to be reinforced and extra rocks will be added again. It will not be needed and should be left alone. The boat winch is harder to use now with the extra rocks pushed in the way as the boat goes into Folsom from Mattanawcook. It was usually fun to go from one lake to the other but it is work now. It was not necessary. Now we get to be distracted by windsprawl visible from all the lakes in Lincoln. Talk about cumulative impact! One cannot ignore the turbines. They are too intrusive and obvious. My appreciation of the outdoors is diminished on the local lakes. If the Bowers project goes thru the West Grand area will have the industrial garbage to look at while trying to enjoy the Maine outdoors. I like to camp and fish in the WG area and there will be turbines spread over the ridges. It is disappointing to me that the lakes and mtns. are not valued by the state. I wonder if more people will care after a million of these turbines are up and spinning? I can hear people now. Why did they let this happen? I can say for sure that even after the state is covered with industrial turbines southern New England will still have an energy problem. They use too much. The wind developers know this too, but the allure of big money is too much for them to ignore (RECs, grants etc.). Several engineers have told me that the numbers do not add up. The wind developers admit wind turbines will not replace base line generation. Steven Chu dreams that wind and solar will replace coal and oil. It is hard to argue with a Nobel prize winner, but if he is correct it will mean less energy will have to be used because wind and solar cannot do it. The price will be astronomical and one would need a Nobel prize to pay the elec. bills. I better go back to school. No, I will just politely disconnect my power. It was good while it lasted. The biggest problem for me is where do I go in the state to "get away from it all"? Thanks Mike DiCenso www.friendsoflincolnlakes.org

From: [Al Goodwin](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: do not approve of the Bowers Mtn/Kossuth project
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:27:10 PM

Dear sirs,

I am a land owner on the sheepskin and I do not approve of this wind farm.

I did not invest in my Maine land to see anything other than nature, not wind turbines.

This project must be stopped.

Al Goodwin.

From: [Natasha Mayers](#)
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: opposition to bowers mt. wind project
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2011 6:41:42 PM

My family has been vacationing in the Grand Lake Stream region for years. We have many reasons for opposing this Bowers Mt. wind project. The flashing lights, noise, the visual impact of these huge towers will harm the local economy which depends on those of us who spend time there in the summer and fall. We might choose not to continue spending time there if these are built.

Natasha Mayers
Whitefield, Me.

From: urchins.tds.net
To: [Todd, Fred](#)
Subject: wind permitting @ Bowers Mt.
Date: Monday, June 06, 2011 3:46:43 PM

Your email address was on the comment section at PPH Sunday Telegram yesterday. I am curious what the big hurry is with all these projects in Maine's most beautiful places. I would think the prudent course for the State of Maine would be to wait and see how the projects already developed perform before permitting more.

I keep thinking back to the satellite dish technology when it first hit Maine and how the dishes were very large compared to what they are now. I suspect a similar evolution with wind turbines.

Jim

From: Lapointe, Jeannine on behalf of LURC
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: FW: LURC-NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

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From: Debbie Buckingham [mailto:debrussbuckingham@beeline-online.net]
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 5:27 PM
To: LURC
Subject: RE: LURC-NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Unbelievable.

From: Lapointe, Jeannine [mailto:Jeannine.Lapointe@maine.gov] **On Behalf Of** LURC
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 10:29 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: LURC-NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Bcc to Champlain Wind Interested parties

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From: Lapointe, Jeannine on behalf of LURC
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 11:35 AM
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: FW message from recipient of this email: LURC-NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

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From: Gary Gabree [mailto:loogag17@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 11:24 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Re: LURC-NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

I object to granting this permit.
There is insufficient evidence regarding the ecological and financial impact upon the region and the state to justify granting it.
This would be a serious and irreparable mistake; please insist upon much greater analysis and proof. Do not rush this decision. Please protect the citizens of this state.
Gary Gabree

From: LURC <LURC@maine.gov>
Sent: Fri, January 21, 2011 10:30:21 AM
Subject: LURC-NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Bcc to Champlain Wind interested parties

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