

## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR PROCESSING

This is to notify you that Highland Wind LLC (Highland), P.O. Box 457, Brunswick, ME 04011, (207) 729-1911, filed a Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application with the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (“the Commission”) pursuant to the provisions of 35-A M.R.S., § 3451 et seq. and 12 M.R.S., § 685-B to build a wind power project to be located in Highland Plantation and Pleasant Ridge Township, Somerset County, Maine. The area proposed to be developed is generally zoned General Management Subdistrict (M-GN).

Highland is seeking development permit approval from the Commission for 48 wind turbines with a potential output of 2.3-3 megawatts (MW) per turbine, and a combined potential output of 128.6 MW. The turbines will be located along two ridgeline(s) in Highland Plantation. These ridgelines contain Stewart Mountain, Witham Mountain, Bald Mountain, Briggs Hill and Burnt Hill. The project would also include: an access road stemming from Long Falls Dam Road, an operations and maintenance building, a collector substation, and an approximately 11 mile-long generator lead line. The generator lead will connect the project to the New England grid at the Wyman substation in Moscow, Maine.

The Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application was submitted to the Commission’s office in Augusta on January 27, 2010. Commission staff accepted Highland’s application for processing on or about January 29, 2010. A copy of the complete application is available for public inspection at LURC’s Augusta office by appointment. Copies of the complete application are also available for review by appointment at the Somerset County Commissioners Office at 41 Court Street in Skowhegan, ME 04096, and the LURC regional office in Greenville. A copy of the complete application is posted on LURC’s website: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc>

Requests for a public hearing or for Intervenor status must be submitted in writing to the Commission by February 17, 2010. Written comments from interested persons will be accepted during the review of the application. Review comments should be sent to Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, Department of Conservation, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, or by email to [lurc@maine.gov](mailto:lurc@maine.gov) . Additional information, instructions for submitting comments, and project updates can be found at the website listed above. Please contact Marcia Spencer-Famous of Maine Land Use Regulation Commission staff, by email ([Marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov](mailto:Marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov) ) or by calling (207) 287-4933 if you have questions.