From: Allen Barrette
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: bowers mountain wind project: DP#4889
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Dear Mr Todd, Please be aware that First Wind has secretly come into this state with a different agenda than what the maine residents were led to believe. This branch of Government has overlooked important issues in the past and looks like your still dancing around this corrupt company. We the residents, tax payers, land owners want this unnecessary destruction to our land to stop. I have been in the engineering fields for 30 some years now and I have never seen a bunch of uneducated uninformed branch of Government policy and law makers as this entity. This deceit started with obviously the Baldacci administration and has to stop now. LURC has the power to stop the manipulation, Lie's, and bogus reports and data. I see favoritism, allowances, and other dubious actions coming from LURC. stop and think Is this the way life should be? if it is then you have a serious problem and we the residence will be watching like a hawk before the hawks are all killed by these wasteful turbines. Unfortunately I conduct business in SO Maine and cannot break away for the LURC meeting but are very confident that LURC will step up to the plate and start doing your job and start questioning these motives of First Wind and quit giving them chances after chances to devastate our beautiful lands. Thank You Sincerely

Allen Barrette

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE DOWNEAST LAKES WATERSHED (PPDLW)

11 March 2012

Hello everyone!

This past Friday, March 9th, was an important day in our battle to defeat the Bowers Mountain Wind Project.

You'll recall that back in November, facing their first ever defeat, First Wind requested that they be allowed to withdraw their Bowers permit application. They wanted to make some modifications to address the project's scenic impact and resubmit it later. They did

not provide any details of the modifications and they didn't give any indication about when they expected to resubmit. First Wind assured LURC that by simply shifting or eliminating a few turbines they can reduce the scenic impact to an acceptable level.

At the December 7th LURC meeting, LURC effectively called their bluff. They decided to put the withdrawal request on hold and gave First Wind until March 9th to provide a "written description of its plans for reconfiguring the Bowers Wind Project to address the concerns expressed by the Commission...".

This past Friday, March 9th, First Wind filed their response to LURC's order. To make a long story short, First Wind is says that they aren't able to provide any plans at this time. They go on to say that they are certain that they can improve the scenic impact just not at this time. They blame LURC for not giving them clear enough guidance about scenic impact. They blame LURC for not stressing the importance of conducting a user survey. They blame the Public Utilities Commission for delaying approval of their merger with Emera. In short, it's everybody's fault but their own. They then repeat their request to be allowed to withdraw the application and resubmit it at some unspecified date in the future.

LURC has requested public comment on this latest development. We've been given until 5pm on Friday March 23rd to provide comments. We're asking you to take just a minute or two to jot off a quick email to LURC. We hesitate to ask you to do this, but we're afraid that if we don't, LURC will be flooded with emails from the employees of First Wind's contractors.

In your email, you might express outrage that LURC has bent over backwards to accommodate First Wind and yet First Wind continues to play games. The process is expedited when First Wind wants it to be expedited and it is slowed when First Wind wants it slowed. Tell them that the process appears to favor First Wind at every opportunity and that it's time now to be fair to the citizens of Maine. You might tell the Commissioners that because First Wind didn't provide the written plan requested by LURC by the agreed deadline, that you see no other option but for LURC to formally deny First

Wind's withdrawal request at their April 6th meeting and then vote on May 4th to deny the Bowers permit.

Please don't just cut and paste the above paragraph into your email. Use your own words. Express your genuine outrage!

The subject line of your email can reference "Bowers Wind Project DP#4889"

Address your email to:

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Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

His email address is: fred.todd@maine.gov

We hope you'll join us for the LURC meeting April 6th at the Waterfront Events Center on Prince Street in Lincoln. At this meeting LURC Commissioners will deliberate on whether to allow First Wind to withdraw the application. Judging by the number of paid construction workers First Wind had at the last meeting, we'd better plan to be there around 8am!

If LURC decides not to allow the withdrawal, then at the May 4th meeting they will take their final vote to deny the permit for Bowers! The May 4th meeting is scheduled to be held at Washington County Community College, 1 College Drive, in Calais. If they vote to deny the Bowers permit, history will be made and we can begin celebrating!!