From: George Elliott
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Request for withdrawl from the Bowers Wind Project
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Dear Mr. Todd,

Thank you very much for keeping me informed about LURC's deliberations concerning the interest of Champlain Wind in building a 27 wind turbines array on top of Bowers Mountain, South Peak and Dill Hill in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township. I am very pleased that Champlain has, at this time, decided not to resubmit an application to LURC for construction of the wind farm. I am also very pleased that the rejection of the Champlain project was based on negative visual impacts the project would have on Maine's scenic character.

I believe that the benefits of preserving Maine's irreplaceable scenic values far exceed in value to the State whatever additional energy can be derived from land-based wind turbines. I am very pleased that visual impacts of wind turbine farms are being given serious consideration in determinng the feasibility of wind turbine projects. I hope to learn more about present rules and deliberations regarding visual impacts and I hope I can continue to contribute some meaningful comments to the work of LURC in the area of wind power projects.

Thank you every much for doing good work in the protection of Maine's natural environment.

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