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Dear Mr. Todd,

I have been following the Bowers Mt. project since the beginning. From my perspective, this may be the first "expedited" permitting process where the LURC commissioners were truly operating in a manner consistent with principles, and not in the pockets of big business interests in the Maine legislature. However, at the same time, LURC *was* courteous to First Wind and never humiliated or openly accused them of stonewalling (which they are doing.) It is time to stop this farce.

First Wind should be held to the agreed-upon deadline for providing their written plan. Ordinary citizens in Maine don't get extra chances if they fail to meet state stipulations on an agreed upon date!

It is VERY obvious to even the most naive observer that First Wind can never compensate for the visual impact of wind turbines, *even* if they are shorter. Twenty-seven turbines are still a jarring slur on the scenic beauty of the Bowers Mountain area. I 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.

Sincerely,

Paula F. Moore