From: Paul Rudershausen
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Re: FW: Persons Interested in Bowers Wind Project
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2012 12:32:40 PM

Mr. Todd:

This letter to you is regarding the Bowers Wind Project and application by Champlain Wind (First Wind), LLC filing a request to withdraw its application "for the purpose of reconfiguring the Project to address the concerns expressed by the Commission during deliberations..."

For years First Wind has had the chance to accurately and thoroughly quantify and qualify the scenic impacts of its proposed development in the the Downeast Chain of Lakes region. As you know, this is one of the most beautiful areas of Maine. They have consistently downplayed the scenic beauty of this area to push through their development with minimal opposition. They have consistently ignored the majority views of Maine residents, landowners, and visitors to this area that know such development would ruin the quality of this place. They blame their opposition of stalling when the opposition actually took the time and the money to consider the real, tangible, and negative impacts of this development on the scenery of this area. And, most remarkably, First Wind is the now the one stalling; they have asked LURC to withdraw their own application and now are asking for still more time to reconfigure their plans, after having years to 'get it right.'

Mr Todd, yet again, I ask LURC to deny First Wind's request to withdraw its application, and I once again ask LURC to vote to deny First Wind's application to develop Bowers Mountain.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Paul Rudershausen

On Mon, Mar 12, 2012 at 9:05 AM, Todd, Fred <Fred.Todd@maine.gov> wrote:

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> Background: The application for the Bowers Wind Project by Champlain Wind, LLC (Applicant), was accepted as complete for processing on March 14, 2011. Following Public Hearing and Commission deliberation, the Commission directed its staff to prepare a decision document denying the application.
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> On November 8, 2011, prior to the Commission acting on the decision document, the Applicant filed a request to withdraw its application "for the purpose of reconfiguring the Project to address the concerns expressed by the Commission during deliberations and the guidance that has been developed during the pendency of this proceeding."

At the December 7, 2011 meeting, after hearing comment from the Applicant and Intervenors concerning the Applicant's request to withdraw its application, the Commission voted to table the request for withdrawal until the April 6, 2012, Commission meeting. Also at the December 7th meeting, the Commission directed the Applicant to, by March 9, 2012, prepare a written description of its plans for reconfiguring the Bowers Wind Project to address the concerns expressed by the Commission during this proceeding. The other parties to this proceeding and the public will have until Friday, March 23, 2012, to submit comments on the Applicant's March 9th filing.

March 9th filing: The Applicant's March 9th filing has been posted on the Commission's web site at http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/projects/Windpower/FirstWind/Champlain/Champlain_Development.html

Should you wish to comment on this filing by email, please do so by 5 P.M. on Friday, March 23, 2012, to fred.todd@maine.gov . Should you wish to comment by regular mail or other means, your written comments should be sent to the address below and must be received by 5 P.M. on Friday, March 23, 2012.

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