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Re: Bowers Wind Project DP#4889

Dear Mr. Todd:

Our family has been visiting the Pines on Sysladobsis Lake regularly for several weeks a year since the late 1930s when Cliff and Marion Lewis first bought the property and with successive owners since. We just introduced the fourth generation, ages one and four, to the Pines this past summer. We come to fish and spend each day on the water either at Dobsis or one of the nearby lakes and ponds.

We drive hours to visit the Pines because of our familiarity with the surrounding area and its unspoiled forests and waters and the joy of leaving shore in the morning and seeing nothing but a handful of other fisherman for an entire day. The prospect of having that beauty permanently scarred by a mass of turbines towering over the northern horizon with no offsetting redeeming value other than filling the pockets of the investors in First Wind to us is unacceptable. Living in Vermont we are already familiar with First Wind and its tactics. And history seems to be repeating itself with their antics concerning the Bowers Mountain project. We get the towers, they get the money and the generated power goes elsewhere.

Wouldn't all our lives be so much easier if we could deal with everything that didn’t go our way by just saying:

Just kidding, that was only a practice run so don't make your final decision until I have time to go back, manipulate the playing field, change what I'm saying to something I think you'll like better, try to wear down the other fellow and then try again when I think I might have a better chance to fool you into agreeing with me? And as long as I have deep enough pockets and lots of lawyers, and the prospect of easy government money waiting for me, why not?

I guess my response is that it just isn't right and I'd like to believe that others wouldn't be fooled any more than I am.

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