From:	Karen
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Comment on Champlain Wind"s response to Procedural Order #15-Bowers
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Dear Mr. Todd and LURC Commissioners;

I have followed and been involved with the Champlain Wind/Bowers Mountain wind project since its inception. I followed FW's successful request to have Kossuth Township added to the expedited permitting zone. In June of 2011 I went along on the site visits (both bus and boat) with LURC and attended the 2 days of public hearings in Lincoln. I drove to Ellsworth and again to Lincoln in October for final arguments and deliberations. So, while I wasn't an intervenor, I have been a part of this process as a concerned Maine citizen.

I'm sure you know what I am going to say. And rather than have you listen to arguments which have been repeated ad nauseum, I will simply say this:

LURC Commissioners were prepared to deny Champlain Wind's permit back in October.

Despite LURC bestowing upon First Wind the opportunity to provide a reconfiguration plan for the Bowers project, the wind developer was unable to do so.

First Wind has also indicated that their solvency depends on the Emera/First Wind deal being approved by the PUC—a subject which was never broached when the developer had to prove 'financial capacity' to LURC.

Regardless of all the other reasons already on the record for which LURC should deny First Wind their permit for the Bowers project, I believe the developer's non-answer of March 9th (after disrupting the whole process, which resulted in disrupting the lives of countless Maine citizens) gives sufficient reason for Commissioners to deny the Bowers project without the slightest twinges of regret.

Thank you for the difficult tasks you have taken on. Thank you for making every attempt to be fair. But the time has come to put this application to bed and say "No" to the Bowers wind project.

Bowers Mountain and Dill Hill are not appropriate sites for industrial wind.

Thank you. And as always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

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