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Dear Mr. Todd

I am writing to express the importance that LURC stay with its original decision to deny First Wind a permit for the Bowers Mountain project. It is obvious to me and to every fair minded person involved in the process, that First Wind is gaming the system.

Anyone would expect First Wind to fight hard for their position, and they did! But, First Wind did not prove their case that the Bowers Wind Farm would not adversely affect the scenic quality of a Significant Natural Resource that belongs to ALL the people of Maine. This is a natural resource if destroyed by the wind turbine presence, will cost more to Maine people than the proposed benefit of "Green Energy." I quote Sen. Lamar Alexander in his call to congress to stop "Big Wind," March 7, 2012: **"*these massive turbines too often destroy the environment in the name of saving the environment"***

Simply put, First Wind applied for an extension to re-submit a new proposal that would address the failed portions of their final proposal that LURC denied. They asked for time to address the contentious issue that predicated that denial. They negotiated an extension and they failed to provide the written plan requested by LURC by the agreed deadline!

Mr. Todd, sometimes it is refreshing to know that in Maine, Big Power Brokers (be it political or financial) cannot always maneuver for their private gain. And,in this case, at the expense of our environment or the people who need and enjoy the "Power of Place" that is the "Downeast

Lakes Watershed." May I indulge you with a quote from James A. Swan's book The Power of Place, Sacred Ground in Natural and Human Environments: in it he quotes Robert Sommer, Psychologist, "...places call us to them and in some cases move us to become their voice. How many people would be happy to go just anywhere on a vcacation?"

Sincerely,

Donald E. Moore