From: rrand
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers / First Wind / Champlain Wind
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Dear Mr. Todd,

I want to express my thanks to the LURC Commissioners and staff for their hard work on the application by First Wind / Champlain Wind for the Bowers Project. Here is what I understand as the latest developments.

This is what First Wind / Champlain Wind was ordered to do by LURC:
By Friday, March 9, 2012, the Applicant must submit, to the Commission and the other parties, a written description of its plans for reconfiguring the Bowers Wind Project to address the concerns expressed by the Commission during this proceeding and at the Commission's deliberations on the visual impacts of this Project in September and October of 2011.

And THIS is an excerpt from First Wind's response, which was due at LURC by March 9th, and which was received March 9th:
Since the December meeting, Champlain has been evaluating options for a reconfigured project that reduces visibility on area lakes and is otherwise responsive to the issues identified by the Commission during its deliberations. Based on its work to date, Champlain believes it is possible to modify the project in ways that will significantly reduce the visual impacts on the resources of greatest concern. For example, Champlain is exploring the use of a recently released turbine model that potentially would allow a significantly reduced-size project to remain economic. For the reasons identified below, however, and despite its best efforts to do so, Champlain is not able to present a particular reconfigured project to the Commission at this time.

The LURC Commissioners gave First Wind / Champlain Wind ample time to provide LURC a reconfigured plan addressing LURC's concerns. First Wind failed to do so.

I simply ask that LURC act on their original decision and **DENY** First Wind / Champlain Wind's Bower project.

Thank you kindly,
Rob

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