

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR PROCESSING

This is to notify you that Highland Wind LLC (“Highland”), 110 Foreside Road, Cumberland Foreside, Maine, filed a Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application with the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (“the Commission” or “LURC”) pursuant to the provisions of 35-A M.R.S., § 3451, et seq., and 12 M.R.S., § 685-B to build a wind energy development in Highland Plantation and Pleasant Ridge Plantation, Somerset County, Maine. This area is zoned General Management Subdistrict (M-GN), with areas of Wetland Protection Subdistrict (P-WL), Flood Prone Protection Subdistrict (P-FP), and Shoreland Protection Subdistrict (P-SL).

Highland is seeking development permit approval from the Commission for 39 wind turbines with a potential nameplate capacity of up to 3.0 megawatts (MW) per turbine, and a combined potential nameplate capacity of 117 MW. The turbines will be located in Highland Plantation. The project would also include: access to the turbines utilizing existing and new roads, 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector lines between the turbines and a new substation, a 9.5 mile long 115 kV electric transmission line between the new substation and Wyman Substation, and an Operations & Maintenance facility.

The Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application was submitted to the Commission’s office in Augusta on December 29, 2010, and Commission staff accepted Highland’s application for processing on February 23, 2011. A copy of the complete application is available for public inspection at LURC’s Augusta office by appointment. Copies of the complete application are also available for review at the Somerset County Commissioners’ Office at 41 Court Street in Skowhegan, Maine, the Highland Plantation Office at 2392 Long Falls Dam Road in Highland Plantation, Maine, and the Rangeley LURC regional office at 133 Fyfe Road, Farmington, Maine. A copy of the complete application is also being posted on LURC’s website:

http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/projects/Windpower/HighlandWind/Highland_DP4862.shtml

Requests for a public hearing or for Intervenor status must be submitted in writing to the Commission by March 11, 2011. Written comments from interested persons will be accepted during the review of the application. Review comments should be sent to Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, Department of Conservation, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, or by email to marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov. Additional information, instructions for submitting comments, and project updates can be found at the website listed above. Please contact Marcia Spencer-Famous of Maine Land Use Regulation Commission staff by email (marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov) or by calling (207) 287-4933 if you have questions.