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**BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Meeting Minutes**

June 24, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Environmental Protection was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at the Department of Public Safety, Champlain Room, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine. James Parker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with the following individuals present:

Board: Alvin Ahlers, Mark Draper, Thomas Dobbins, Thomas Eastler, Susan Lessard and James Parker.

Staff: Jeffrey Crawford, Deputy Director of Policy, Office of the Commissioner

Others: Scott Boak, Assistant Attorney General
Peggy Bensinger, Assistant Attorney General
Cynthia Bertocci, BEP Executive Analyst
Ruth Ann Burke, BEP Clerk and Administrative Assistant

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I. Departmental

- A. Commissioner's Comments:** None
- B. Comments from the BEP Chair:** Chair Parker noted that this was Susan Lessard's last Board meeting. He conveyed the Board's thanks to Ms. Lessard for 8 years of dedicated service on the Board, including 4 years as Chair.
- C. Executive Analyst Comments:** Ms. Bertocci noted that the Board's next meeting will be on July 16, 2015.
- D. Board Calendar:** Reviewed.
- E. Departmental Orders / Applications Accepted for Processing:** Reviewed
- F. Executive Session:** None

II. Consent Agenda Items:

- 1. BEP Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2015 (approval)

The Board voted (6-0-0-0) on a motion to approve the minutes for May 21, 2015 as presented. The vote was taken pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 341-D.

Board members Alvin Ahlers, Mark Draper, Thomas Dobbins, Thomas Eastler, Susan Lessard, and James Parker voted to support the motion. There is one vacancy.

- 2. BEP Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2015 (approval)

The Board voted (3-0-0-3) on a motion to approve the minutes for June 4, 2015 as presented. The vote was taken pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 341-D.

Board members Alvin Ahlers, Thomas Dobbins, and Thomas Eastler, voted to support the motion. Mark Draper, Susan Lessard, and James Parker were absent. There is one vacancy.

III. Regular Agenda Items:

- 1. Chapter 500 / Amendments (final adoption of major substantive rule)
Staff: Jeffrey Crawford, Office of the Commissioner

Mr. Crawford summarized the provisionally adopted amendments to the rule and reviewed the additional changes directed by the Legislature. The Legislature has authorized final adoption of the rule as amended.

The Board voted (6-0-0-0) on a motion to adopt the Chapter 500 amendments and associated Basis Statement as presented. The vote was taken pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §341-H and §420-D, and Resolve 2015, Chapter 22.

Board members Alvin Ahlers, Mark Draper, Thomas Dobbins, Thomas Eastler, Susan Lessard, and James Parker voted to support the motion. There is one vacancy.

IV. Informational Site Visit

Board members and staff attended an informational site visit at the Saddleback Ridge Wind Project in Carthage. Members and staff discussed operations and toured the facility with Patriot Renewables staff Lauren Austin and Todd Presson, viewing both operational turbines and turbines under construction.

(The regular meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m. The site visit to the Saddleback Ridge wind project concluded at approximately 3:15 p.m.)

