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December 2, 2013

RE: Site Law Certification SLC-3, Bingham Wind Project, Blue Sky West, LLC and Blue Sky West II, LLC; Mayfield Township, Somerset County and Kingsbury Plantation, Piscataquis County

Dear Dan:

Thank you for contacting us recently regarding proposed changes to the Bingham project. We appreciate the coordination between our agencies in reviewing any changes that arise in the course of the application process. The Commission's certification in this matter referenced certain proposed turbine models, and the applicant now wishes to add another turbine model option for the project. In reviewing the proposed change, it appears that the additional turbine model would not differ from the original models in ways that would impact the Commission's Land Use Standards. This type of minor change does not require an amendment to the certification, as the proposed change would not alter the conclusions or conditions of the certification.

In addition, you pointed out an error in the original certification document – in condition 6, the applicant is incorrectly referred to as Hancock Wind. Because, in the context of the document, the permittee and responsible party would clearly be Blue Sky West, LLC, and Blue Sky West II, LLC, the meaning of the condition is clear despite the typo, and an amended certification is not needed at this time.

Should you have any further questions or if I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Samantha Horn Olsen Planning Manager

xc: SLC-3 file

DEP Site Location of Development permit #L-25973-24-A-N/L-25973-TG-B-N