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DATE: October 5, 2015

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REVIEW

This constitutes a request for your agency's review of the project identified below and your submission of comments in accordance with applicable memorandum of agreements and department procedures for project reviews.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to the DEP Project Manager, Jessica Damon, at 446-1216.

The deadline for agency comments is October 10, 2015 or **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

PROJECT		APPLICANT	
Number:	L-26502-2F-G-N, L-26502-VP-K-N, L-26502-L6-J-N, L-26502-IW-I-N, L-26502-TH-L-N	Name:	Number Nine Wind Farm LLC
Name:	Number Nine Wind Farm	Contact	Joy Prescott
Location:	Bridgewater		
Notes to Reviewer:			

After a thorough review of the above project, as presented to us, and consideration of our agency's standards, programs and responsibilities, and the following comments are submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection.

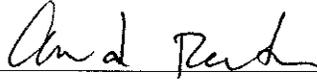
Pursuant and subject to 38 M.R.S.A. §484, sub-§10, I am providing review comments regarding tangible benefits on the Number Nine Wind Farm application. This is not a legal opinion. Below are my comments based on review of the "tangible benefits" provisions from 35-A M.R.S.A. Ch. 34-A.

Any permit application for an expedited wind energy development is required to include documentation of the following information:

1. Estimated jobs to be created statewide and in the host community or communities, as a result of construction, maintenance and operations of the project;
2. Estimated annual generation of wind energy;
3. Projected property tax payments;
4. A description of the community benefits package, including but not limited to community benefit agreement payments, valued at no less than \$4,000 per year per wind turbine, averaged over a 20-year period; and
5. Any other tangible benefits to be provided by the project.

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The application submitted by Number Nine Wind Farm LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC, regarding the Number Nine Wind Farm does address each of these required pieces of information.

The tangible benefits described in the Number Nine Wind Farm application appear to meet the criteria established in 35-A M.R.S.A. §3454. The community benefits package is still under negotiation, but a signed agreement with the Aroostook County Commissioners notes that Aroostook County will accept funds under a community benefits package that are not less than the minimum statutory requirements.

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