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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING PETITION ZP 709, TRANSCANADA MAINE WIND DEVELOPMENT, INC. KIBBY TOWNSHIP AND SKINNER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY

PURPOSE: The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission will hold a public hearing on Zoning Petition ZP 709, for a commercial wind power facility proposed by TransCanada Maine Wind Development, Inc., to be located in Kibby Township and Skinner Township, Franklin County. The proposal includes the rezoning of two parcels from Mountain Area Protection Subdistrict and General Management Subdistrict to Planned Development Subdistrict. The facility would consist of 44 wind turbines on a ridge along the southern portion of Kibby Mountain, and on Kibby Range, utility lines and a substation, a maintenance and operations facility, and access roads. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the applicant, interested groups, and the general public the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to whether the proposal meets the statutory criteria for approval under provisions of 12 M.R.S.A., Sections 685-A(8-A) and 685-B(4), the Commission’s criteria for approval under provisions of its Land Use Districts and Standards, Sections 10.08 and 10.24, and the rules for Planned Development Subdistricts, Section 10.21,G of its Land Use Districts and Standards.

TIME, PLACE and AGENDA: The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 2, 3 and 4, 2007, at the Sugarloaf Grand Summit Conference Center, 5092 Access Rd., Carrabassett Valley, Maine 04947.**

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

8:30 am	Opening Statement of the Presiding Officer Staff Statement and Administrative History Applicant’s Summary of Proposal and Cross-examination Summaries of Direct Testimony and Cross-examination [There will be a lunch break at 12:00 pm]
5:00 pm	Recess
6:00 pm	Opening Statement of the Presiding Officer Summary of Staff Statement and Administrative History Applicant’s Summary of Proposal Public Testimony Closing Statement of the Presiding Officer Recess

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

8:30 am	Opening Statement of the Presiding Officer Summaries of Direct Testimony by Intervenors, and Cross-examination [There will be a lunch break at 12:00 pm]
5:00 pm	Recess
6:00 pm	Opening Statement of the Presiding Officer Summary of Staff Statement and Administrative History Applicant’s Summary of Proposal Public Testimony Closing Statement of the Presiding Officer [End of Period to Receive Oral Public Testimony]

Thursday, October 4, 2007 (If needed for Summaries of Direct Testimony by Intervenors, and Cross-examination)

8:30 am	Opening Statement of the Presiding Officer
TBD	Closing Statement of the Presiding Officer
	End of Hearing

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to attend and offer testimony that has a bearing on this proposal. The public is not required to submit written testimony before the hearing in order to testify. Members of the public may simply attend the hearing and give oral testimony on the evenings of October 2nd and 3rd. Additional written testimony may be submitted before the close of the record. Those submitting written testimony at the hearing may be asked to summarize their prepared written statement for the purpose of allowing enough time for everyone to speak. Hard copies of written testimony should be made available to the Commission at the time of the hearing. The hearing record will remain open for a period of 10 days until Monday, October 15, 2007 (or as determined by the Presiding Officer) to allow interested persons to file written statements with the Commission, and for an additional 7 days until Monday, October 22, 2007 (or as determined by the Presiding Officer) to allow interested persons to file written statements in rebuttal of statements filed during the previous 10 day period. The record of the hearing will then close. All written comments should be sent to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Me 04333-0022. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov.

DISABILITIES: Persons with disabilities planning to attend the hearing are requested to inform the Commission in advance so that arrangements can be made for services they may require

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of the petition to rezone may be viewed at the Commission's regional office on 66 Dallas Hill Road in Rangeley (207-864-5064) or at the Commission's main office on 18 Elkins Drive in Augusta (207-287-2631) (TTY 888-557-6690) by appointment, or on-line at:

<http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/projects/transcanada.html> .

Persons having questions may contact Marcia Spencer Famous at (207-287-4933) or at marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: The hearing will be held under authority of 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 206-A, and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's *Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings*.