

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEVELOP AND REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION

Weaver Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of First Wind, LLC, located at 129 Middle Street, Portland, Maine has issued a Notice of Intent to File a Site Location of Development application, on or about December 22, 2014, that will include a request, pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. § 685-B(1-A)(B-1), that the Land Use Planning Commission (Commission) certify to the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) that the development is an allowed use in the subdistricts in which it is proposed and that the development will comply with applicable Commission land use standards that are not considered in the Department's review. The Site Location of Development permit application is being filed for development of a 23 turbine wind energy facility that will include the construction of new and improved access roads and an electrical collector system for transmission of the power to the existing New England electrical grid. The project will be located in the Towns of Eastbrook and Osborn, as well as T16 Maine. The Project will also use the Operations and Maintenance Building located in Aurora, Maine, which was permitted as part of the Hancock Wind project.

The Commission shall consider all requests for a public hearing submitted in a timely manner. Hearings on a request for certification are at the discretion of the Commission unless otherwise required by the Constitution of Maine or statute. In determining whether a hearing is advisable, the Commission shall consider the degree of public interest and the likelihood that information presented at the hearing will be of assistance to the Commission in making its certification determination.

The Commission shall allow a period of not less than 20 days after accepting a request for certification as complete for processing, during which time any interested persons may submit written comments to the Commission's office. Written public comments, requests for a public hearing, and questions on the request for certification may be mailed to the Commission's office in Bangor: Land Use Planning Commission, 106 Hogan Road; Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401; e-mailed to stacie.r.beyer@maine.gov (*LUPC project manager*); or faxed to (207) 941-4222. Commission staff can also be reached at 207-941-4593.

The Site Location application, including the request for certification, will be filed for public inspection at the Department's office and the Commission's office in Bangor, both located at 106 Hogan Road, during normal working hours. Specifically, Section 31 of the Site Location of Development application discusses the projects' consistency with the Commission's permitted uses and land development standards.

A copy of the application may also be seen on the Department's website (<http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/sitelaw/selected-developments/index.html>), at the Hancock County Commissioner's office in Ellsworth and at the municipal offices in Eastbrook, Aurora, and Osborn.