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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR PROCESSING
BOWERS WIND PROJECT PROPOSAL – DP 4889**
(OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING AND INTERVENTION)

This is to notify you that Champlain Wind, LLC, 129 Middle Street, 3rd Floor, Portland, ME, 04101, filed a Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application with the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (“the Commission”) pursuant to the provisions of 35-A M.R.S.A., § 3451 et seq. and 12 M.R.S.A., § 685-B to build a wind power project (known as the “Bowers Wind Project” in Carroll Plantation, Penobscot County, and Kossuth Township, Washington County, Maine. The application was accepted as complete for processing on March 14, 2011.

Champlain Wind, LLC is seeking development permit approval from the Commission for up to a total of 27 Siemens wind turbines (up to 10 Siemens 3.0 MW turbines and up to 17 Siemens 2.3 MW turbines) with a combined potential output of 69.1 MW. The turbines will be located on three ridges in the project area: Bowers Mountain, an unnamed ridge to the south (referred to as “South Peak” throughout the application) in Carroll Plantation and Dill Hill in Kossuth Township. The project would also include: access to the turbines utilizing new and existing roads; 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector lines connecting the turbines; an “express collector” line for 5.2 miles to connect to a new substation adjacent to Line 56 -- an existing 115kV transmission line; an operations and maintenance building; and up to four permanent meteorological towers.

A paper copy of Champlain Wind’s permit application will be available for review by appointment at the LURC Augusta office (207) 287-2631, the LURC East Millinocket regional office (207) 746-2244, the LURC Downeast regional office in Bangor (207) 941-4052, the Carroll Plantation town office at 306 Osgood Road (207) 738-4841, the Lakeville town office at 1337 Bottle Lake Road (207) 738-5047, the Washington County Commissioner’s Office at 85 Court St, Machias (207) 255-3127, and the Penobscot County Commissioner’s Office at 97 Hammond St., Bangor (207) 942-8535. *Please note that some of these offices are not open full time, so it is important to call ahead to be sure the document will be available for viewing.* A copy of the complete application will soon be posted on LURC’s website:

<http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/>

At this time any person may request a public hearing and may request to participate as a party to the proceeding, as opposed to offering testimony at the hearing as a member of the general public. To participate as a party to the proceeding a person must file a petition under oath or affirmation for leave to intervene. In order to be granted, a petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner is or may be substantially and directly affected by the proceeding. The Commission will review and rule on all petitions for intervention. Requests for a public hearing or petitions for leave to intervene in this proceeding must be RECEIVED by the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011. The petitions will be considered by the Commission at its meeting on April 6, 2011. A petition that is not timely filed will be denied unless the petitioner shows good cause for failure to file on time. Filing may be

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by electronic mail or facsimile if followed by receipt of an original signed document within five working days. The provisions for intervention may be found in Chapter 5, section 5.13 of the Commission's rules (http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/reference_new1.shtml) .

Petitions should be addressed to: Catherine M. Carroll, Director, c/o Fred Todd, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333; or emailed to fred.todd@maine.gov; or faxed to facsimile number (207) 287-7439. Questions regarding petitions to intervene may be directed to Fred Todd at (207) 287-8786 or Samantha-Horn Olsen at (207) 287-4932.

A member of the general public who does not intervene may still participate in the hearing by offering oral testimony at the hearing, and/or may submit written comments on the application. The deadline for submitting comments on the application will be provided in a later notice.

Project updates can be found at LURC's website address: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc> .