NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

This is to notify you that Champlain Wind, LLC, located at 129 Middle Street, 3rd Floor, Portland Maine, intends to file 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 to be located in Carroll Plantation, Penobscot County and Kossuth Township, Washington County, Maine. This area is generally zoned General Management Subdistrict (M-GN) and includes some limited areas of Wetland Protection Subdistrict (P-WL) and Shoreland Protection Subdistrict (P-SL).

Champlain is seeking development permit approval from the Commission for up to 27 wind turbines with a combined potential output of up to 69.1 MW. The turbines will be located on 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 existing and new roads, 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector lines among the turbines and connecting to a new substation, as well as up to four permanent meteorological towers, and an operations and maintenance building.

The Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application will be submitted to the Commission's office in Augusta on or about January 24, 2011. Notice will also be provided when the application is deemed complete for processing and copies of the complete application will then be made available at the LURC main office in Augusta, its regional offices in Bangor and East Millinocket as well as the Penobscot County Commissioners Office in Bangor, the Washington County Commissioners Office in Machias, and at the Carroll Plantation and Lakeville Town Offices.

The Notice of the Complete Application will also include details and the timeframe for requesting a public hearing, and for submitting comments on the application.

Comments and questions can be directed to <u>Neil Kiely</u>, Project Developer, by calling (207) 228-6874 or email <u>nkiely@firstwind.com</u>. Comments and questions can also be directed to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Planning Staff Project Manager, <u>Fred Todd</u>, by calling (207) 287-8786 or e-mail fred.todd@maine.gov. The LURC main office phone number is (207) 287-2631. LURC's website address is: <u>http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc.</u>