

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR PROCESSING

This is to notify you that TransCanada Maine Wind Development, Inc. (“TransCanada”), 3647 The Arnold Trail, Chain of Ponds Township, Maine, 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., § 3451 et seq. and 12 M.R.S., § 685-B to build a wind power project to be located in Kibby and Chain of Ponds Townships, Franklin County, Maine. This area is zoned Mountain Area Protection Subdistrict (P-MA) and General Management Subdistrict (M-GN) with areas of Wetland Protection Subdistrict (P-WL) and Shoreland Protection Subdistrict (P-SL).

TransCanada is seeking development permit approval from the Commission for 15 Vestas V90 wind turbines with a potential output of 3 megawatts (MW) per turbine, and a combined potential output of 45 MW. The turbines will be located along a ridgeline north of Sisk Mountain, adjacent to and west of TransCanada’s existing Kibby Wind Power Project (KWPP). The project would also include: access to the turbines utilizing existing and new roads, 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector lines between the turbines and a new substation, and a short 115 kV electric transmission tap line between the new substation and the existing KWPP 115 kV electric transmission line.

The Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application was submitted to the Commission’s office in Augusta on November 30, 2009. Commission staff accepted TransCanada’s application for processing on Monday, December 21, 2009. A copy of the complete application is available for public inspection at LURC’s Augusta office by appointment. Copies of the complete application are also available for review at the Franklin County Commissioners Office at 140 Main Street in Farmington, Maine 04938, the Eustis/Stratton Town Office at 88 Main Street in Stratton, Maine, 04982 and the Carrabassett Valley Town Office at 1001 Carriage Road Carabassett Valley, Maine 04947. A copy of the complete application is posted on LURC’s website:

<http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/projects/Transcanada/Transcanada.shtml>

Requests for a public hearing or for Intervenor status must be submitted in writing to the Commission by January 13, 2010. Written comments from interested persons will be accepted during the review of the application. Review comments should be sent to Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, Department of Conservation, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, or by email to lurc@maine.gov. Additional information, instructions for submitting comments, and project updates can be found at the website listed above. Please contact Marcia Spencer-Famous of Maine Land Use Regulation Commission staff, by email (Marcia.spencer-famous@maine.gov) or by calling (207) 287-4933 if you have questions.