## **Exhibit E**

## **Letters Evaluating Impacts of Proposed Rezoning**

TransCanada has provided project information to the County Commissioners asking for review with regard to anticipated impacts, both favorable and unfavorable, of the proposed Kibby Wind Power Project on the local community. A copy of the letter requesting their formal comment on this project is attached, and their response will be filed at a later date.



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Subject: TransCanada Maine Wind Development, Inc./Kibby Wind Power Project

Dear Board of Commissioners:

As you know, TransCanada is proposing the development of a 132 MW wind power project on Kibby Range and Kibby Mountain in the unorganized Kibby and Skinner townships. We are excited about this significant project and the many economic and environmental benefits that it will generate in Franklin County and beyond.

As part of its review of a rezoning application, the Land Use Regulation Commission requires that county officials provide letters confirming the availability of needed services. In addition, LURC requires a statement by the County Commissioners evaluating the impact of the proposed rezoning. A map identifying the site and a summary of the project is included for your reference. In addition, a complete copy of TransCanada's application to the Land Use Regulation Commission is available for review in the County Commissioners' office.

The Kibby Wind Power Project will consist of 44 turbines along two ridgelines, a transmission line, a substation and a service building. It will generate approximately 357 million kilowatt hours of clean, renewable electricity, enough to power 50,000 households. In addition, it will displace emissions of harmful pollutants, including approximately 200,000 tons per year of CO<sub>2</sub>, the equivalent of removing about 35,000 cars from the road. In addition to its obvious environmental benefits, the Kibby Wind Power project will also make a much needed economic contribution to Franklin County and the people who live and work in the vicinity of Skinner and Kibby townships. For example, construction of the project will involve up to 250 workers, many of whom will be drawn from the region. Operation of the project will require approximately ten permanent employees. The direct and indirect economic benefits of construction and operation of the project will be significant and are summarized in Section 9.2 of the application. Finally, TransCanada will likely be one of if not the largest single taxpayer in Franklin County and will contribute significantly through payment of such taxes.

At the same time, the Kibby Wind Power Project will place minimal if any demand on local or county services. The project is reasonably self-sufficient and will not require unique fire, police, sheriff

or other County services. For example, the minimal water and septic requirements to accommodate approximately ten employees during operation of the facility will be met through on-site resources. Similarly, solid waste will be managed and disposed of by commercial trash haulers and will not require any County services. TransCanada will coordinate with MDOT, Maine State Police and others to ensure that construction traffic is managed with minimal disturbance to other roadway users. In short, the Kibby Wind Power Project will provide a significant environmental and economic benefit to the local community and Franklin County, without imposing any significant demand on local or county services.

We look forward to providing a more complete briefing to the Commissioners at a meting in the near future, and will arrange an appropriate time to do so. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to talking further.

Sincerely,

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