STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION





Marcia Spencer-Famous Planning Manager Land Use Planning Commission State House Station 22 Augusta, ME 04333-0022

August 5, 2015

RE: Request for Commission certification – Number Nine Wind Power Project

Dear Ms. Spencer-Famous:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has received an application from Number Nine Wind Farm, LLC for a permit to construct a development that is subject to the Site Location of Development Law (Site Law) and is located in the unorganized or deorganized areas of the State. As required in 12 M.R.S. § 685-B(1-A) and 38 M.R.S. §§ 488(9-A), 489-A-1, and as further described in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dated August 31, 2012, between the Department and the Land Use Planning Commission (Commission), the Department requests that the Commission review the application materials and make a certification determination. Application materials for this project were sent directly to the Commission by the Applicant.

If the materials included in the application are not sufficient to determine whether or not the project qualifies for certification, please notify the Department what additional materials are required in order to make such a determination. As specified in the MOU, the first stage of the certification is to determine whether the uses proposed are allowed, or allowed subject to a special exception, in the subdistricts in which they are to be located. We would appreciate if that determination could be made by August 6, 2015, which is the conclusion of our 15 day acceptance review period; however, we recognize that if additional information is required the determination may take longer.

We understand that the second stage of the certification, which evaluates compliance with Land Use Standards not also applied by the Department, will begin once the certification component of the application is reviewed and accepted for processing by the Commission. Please inform the Department of the date on which the certification component of the Site Law application is accepted. Please direct all correspondence regarding this application to Jessica Damon at 446-1216.

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Sincerely,

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