From: Karen Gleeson
To: Murphy, Donald;
Subject: Opposition to LURC re: DP 4886
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

This is to oppose First Wind's application into LURC (DP 4886) which will shatter the scenic beauty and serenity of Acadia National Park and surrounding areas, with a project that would have 19 turbines at 476 feet. I know, from other wind turbine projects that have been placed nearby my own home that it would also have an impact on the quiet and peace, as wind turbines, though relatively quiet, are often sources of serious sound pollution when placed on our granite cliffs.

I am in favor of alternative energy projects, but they must be placed sensitively. Our Maine mountains are being threatened with rapid proliferation of industrial wind facilities. Here in Downeast Maine, we already have 169 turbines, either operating, being installed, permitted or under consideration by LURC. And all of these facilities are owned by the sameout-of-state corporation, First Wind.

I believe that it is past time that LURC begins to look at cumulative impact.

This latest project is a terrible place for a wind farm, as it consists of 19 turbines, each of them 473 feet tall. These would be the tallest turbines yet in Maine! Additionally,, they will have flashing lights, which will be seen for miles. These huge turbines will be visible from Donnell Pond and Schoodic and Black Mountains, part of a state preserve meant to provide rest and respite for our citizens. They will also be visible from Tunc Mountain, a popular hiking destination, as well as from Mollasses and Spectacle Ponds, popular paddling waterbodies, as well as being high quality ponds, according to state listings. The turbines and cut-and-fill roads will also be visible from Cadillac Mountain and from the high points of the Schoodic unit of Acadia. They will be visible from the Schoodic Scenic Byway and from the Blackwoods Byway, both scenic highways. In addition, as our bird expert has confirmed, this is a location that includes habitat for bald eagles and peregrine falcons, as well as a prime area for layovers by migratory birds.

First Wind must go back to the "drawing board" and find another site and another wind generating system that is not so insensitive and impactful.

Thank you for your attention to this situation.

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