From: Bob Weingarten
To: Murphy, Donald;
Subject: Request for a Public Hearing on Bull Hill Wind Project
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:16:08 AM

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I am writing the Land Use Regulation Commission to request that LURC hold a public hearing on the development permit application from Blue Sky East, LLC, which is seeking approval from the Commission for 19 Vestas wind turbines with a potential output of 1.8 megawatts (MW) per turbine, and a combined potential output of 34 MW. to be located on Bull Hill and Heifer Hill in T16 MD.

As an intervenor in both the Kibby Wind Energy Project and the Kibby Expansion Project, I have experience with, and understand the extraordinary value of, a public hearing to adjudicate large windpower projects proposed in our State. It is vitally important that concerned individuals, expert witnesses, and members of the general public be given the opportunity to directly address the members of the Commissioner in such cases.

I also note that the Utilities and Energy Committee of the Maine Legislature has sent a letter to LURC specifically requesting that LURC hold public hearings on ***all*** windpower projects that come before it. This is good public policy and must be adhered to by LURC.

Thank you,
Robert P. Weingarten
President
Friends of the Boundary Mountains