From: Lance Hicks
To: Carroll, Catherine M.; Murphy, Donald;
cc: Lance Hicks;
Subject: Request for public hearing
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Hello:

Provided below is our request for a public hearing on the application by Blue Sky East LLC (First wind) for a wind energy facility in T16 MD.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of 6 properties in Eastbrook, Maine, a small town directly adjoining Township 16, where a company named First Wind is proposing to build a wind-turbine farm.

My properties, including the one on which my principal home is built, appear to be situated in that part of Eastbrook and Molasses Pond that will be directly affected by this project. From what I understand, according to statements made by First Wind, they are planning on building multiple phases of this wind facility, and then expand into Eastbrook itself. These developments will represent a very significant – in fact, a very large – change in the use (not to mention the appearance and "feel") of what has been a beautiful and rural part of downeast Maine.

Due to such proposals and considerations, I believe that the people who may be affected by this development (in large part, my neighbors who border this part of Township 16) should be given the benefit of a public hearing regarding First Wind's application. Such a hearing would allow for the sharing of pertinent and important information with this affected group -- information which might otherwise not be readily available.

Therefore, I am asking that the Commission conduct a public hearing at a time and place that is convenient and suitable not only to year-end residents, but perhaps more importantly, to the larger number of seasonal residents who own property in the area affected by this wind-farm proposal – in other words, public hearing in the summer time, when **all** tax-paying persons and entities are likely to be available.

According to Eastbrook town records, roughly 70% of the total property taxes assessed are attributable to **seasonal residents**, not year-end inhabitants. The fact that someone is a seasonal resident does not mitigate the potential long-term impact of this proposal on their health, wealth and enjoyment of their property.

I am therefore formally requesting that the Commission hold a public hearing regarding this application, on a date and time that is convenient and suitable to the majority of the tax-paying seasonal and year-end residents in the area who may, or will be, affected by this proposed development.

I also ask that you please notify me of the time and date when the Commission will next convene to decide whether it will hold a public meeting on this subject.

Thanks much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert & Risa Hicks
Eastbrook, Maine and
Orange, California

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