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By Mail and E-mail

Fred Todd
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

Re: Bowers Mountain Wind Project

Dear Mr. Todd,

Enclosed please find the Natural Resources Council of Maine's Petition to Intervene in the Bowers Mountain Wind Project.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dylan Voorhees

Enclosures:

Cc: Dave Fowler & Geoff West, First Wind

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Champlain Wind, LLC	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Development Permit DP 4889	)	OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Proposed Bowers Mtn Wind Power Project	)	COUNCIL OF MAINE
	)	

Pursuant to Chapter 5, § 5.13 of the Regulations of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission ("LURC" or the "Commission"), Natural Resources Council of Maine ("NRCM") hereby petitions to intervene on the above-captioned Development Permit, and all related proceedings, as a party.

The grounds for this request are as follows:

1. NRCM is a not-for-profit tax-exempt corporation dedicated to the protection of Maine's environment and the wise use of the state's natural resources through a program of advocacy, legal defense and education. NRCM has a membership and support base of more than 10,000 individuals and families. NRCM members reside throughout the state of Maine.

2. NRCM has members and supporters from Washington & Penobscot Counties and throughout Maine who have a strong interest in renewable energy development (including wind power), who are concerned about Maine energy policy, and who utilize and enjoy the Downeast region.

3. NRCM has a well-established record of involvement in wind power issues, including as Intervenors in LURC's review of the nearby Stetson project. NRCM has monitored the progress of every wind power project in Maine, both in LURC jurisdiction and in organized towns. NRCM served on the Governor's Wind Power Task Force and have been actively involved in the Legislature and working with agency staff on policies related to wind power development. Most recently we provided testimony to LURC on the petition by Champlain Wind to add area in Kossuth Township to the expedited wind review area—a matter which now continues under this current development permit preceding.

4. NRCM provided significant testimony on LURC's draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), particularly those sections that will address issues such as energy development, remote resource protection, and balancing development and conservation within LURC jurisdiction, and has played an active role in shaping Maine's policies related to the management of public lands.

5. NRCM believes the project may have important impacts on scenic resources of statewide significance, including on eight Great Ponds identified according

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to statutory criteria, as well as potential benefit through the generation of renewable energy.

6. NRCM will be "substantially and directly affected by the proceeding," given NRCM's and its members' commitment to renewable energy development and the protection and wise use of Maine's North Woods and remote recreation resources.

For the foregoing reasons, NRCM respectfully requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding.

Date: 3/28/11

Natural Resources Council of Maine

By: Dylan Voorhees
Its: Clean Energy Director

State of Maine
County of Kennebec

March 28, 2011

Before me appeared personally the above named Dylan Voorhees, who swore to the truth of the foregoing statements.

Leisa Dennett
Notary Public

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Notary Public, Maine
My Commission Expires November 2, 2014