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By email only: Silvermaplewind.Dep@maine.gov

Dear Ms. Damon:

I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed Silver Maple Wind Project on Pisgah Mountain. I am a landowner both on Mountainy Pond and on Hatcase Pond. My view from Hatcase has Eagle Bluff directly in front of me. The proposed towers, at 105 to 185 meters in height, would be an enormous negative statement for this treasured landscape. This area, as you well know, is one of three areas in the entire State of Maine designated as Scenic Resource of State or National Significance (SRSNS). One of the others is on Mount Desert Island. If this project is allowed here, where in Maine could one be denied?

My family has owned a camp on Mountainy Pond since 1954. We treasure our hikes up Eagle Bluff and up Big Hill. From what I understand, the proposed windmills will be highly visible from both locations and will spoil this beautiful landscape. The Mountainy Pond Club has gone to great lengths over its 90 year existence to preserve the wild character of our land through a forest management plan and the quality of our water with strict limitations on motor boats. The proposed wind towers are entirely inconsistent with these values and violate the provisions of the SRSNS which are a criteria for approval under the National Wind Act.

From my understanding of the plan, the construction of the towers and the access roads could pose a threat to the tributaries of Floods Pond, an important water source for Jessica Damon April 13, 2020, page 2

Bangor and Hamden, as well as for other towns. I have read Teresa Davis's letter to you of March 25, 2020 in opposition to this project and wholeheartedly support and agree with her arguments.

Surrounding towns have deliberately regulated the height and location of such towers. Clifton has failed to do so. It is unwise to allow a developer to take advantage of a small town to build towers that will have such a devastating visual impact on the surrounding towns. You have the authority to stop this project.

I respectfully request that you deny the application of the Silver Maple Wind Project because it does not belong in this specially designated area of Maine.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely yours,

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