

PLEASE SAVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

DEP Comment Form

To DEP: Please deny the application for the Silver Maple Wind Project on Pisgah Mountain in Clifton, Maine. I want to go on record as being opposed to this project and feel the environmental damage is too great in this particular scenic area.

1. Check any statements you agree with:

- Wind projects should not be sited in the broad area around Pisgah Mountain as it is an area rich in scenic resources, including many Scenic Resources of State or National Significance (SRSNS), and is one of only three areas noted for exemplary scenic beauty in Maine's Finest Lakes Study in the organized towns throughout the entire state, along with the Moosehead Lake Region and lakes on Mount Desert Island.
- Additional wind towers on Pisgah Mountain will negatively impact scenic resources of local and state significance, and further detract from my enjoyment of the surrounding area.
- I will see and/or hear (even within permitted sound levels) towers from my home or property and I find that distressing for aesthetic reasons and possible health hazards.
- I believe studies that show proximity to wind towers lowers property values.
- I believe that the unnatural noise levels from wind turbines in this rural, scenic setting present far reaching health hazards to humans and wildlife. We need to study infrasound more thoroughly, as recommended in the Maine Wind Energy Advisory Commission's Report dated January 2, 2018.
- I believe that the Silver Maple Wind Project developers have not taken adequate steps to protect wildlife, especially bats and birds.
- I believe that radar-activated aviation lighting should be required on all Maine wind projects, past and present.

2. Circle all the scenic resources you enjoy:

Scenic Resources of State or National Significance or features listed in Clifton's Comprehensive Plan:

Burnt Pond - Floods Pond - Hatcase Pond - Hopkins Pond - Mountainy Pond - Second Pond - Graham Lake - West Branch Union River between Rt. 9 and Graham Lake - Eagles Bluff - Parks Pond Bluff - Peaked Mountain (Chick Hill) - Little Peaked Mt. (Little Chick) - Woodchuck Hill

Other Scenic Resources within 8 Miles of the Project: Beech Hill Pond - Chemo Pond - Davis Pond -

Goose Pond - Green Lake - Holbrook Pond - Little Burnt Pond - Rocky Pond - Springy Pond- Other???

3. Circle all activities you enjoy on the scenic resources in this area:

Own land Live Work Visit Hike Star gaze Enjoy scenic beauty with no visual pollution
Rock climb Fish Swim Boat Bird watch Hunt Camp Use public boat landings
Enjoy scenic beauty with no noise pollution Other??

4. Please add any additional comments about how you enjoy scenic resources, which ones, and why you do not want DEP to allow 5 more wind towers to be built on top of Pisgah Mountain:

My family has owned property on Mountainy Pond since the 1930's. This property serves as a connection to my parents and grandparents. It now serves a family gathering place for my siblings, their children and mine.

Obviously, the draw of the peace, quiet, and beautiful landscape is very important to me and my family, and these qualities will be compromised by the construction of five more wind turbines.

It is my understanding that the power produced by these towers →

(Write additional comments on back of page.) → → →

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will not benefit Eddington or other local communities as promised both now and when the original five turbines were built in 2011 by a Mr. Paul Fuller. However, their construction will have only negative impacts to the viewscapes, the "sound"scapes, and local tourism.

I also sense that these five turbines, joining the currently on Pisgah Mountain will only be another step towards more turbines and more industrial encroachment in the future.

I vigorously oppose the expansion of the wind turbine farm through the Silver Maple Wind Project.

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