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We are writing as Maine residents and part owners of a 90-year-old family camp on Mountainy Pond, just over three miles from the proposed project.

The application minimizes the impact of this project on Dedham, East Holden, East Eddington and Clifton, but I hope you will conclude that the scale of this project is inappropriate for the surrounding villages, hills, lakes and woodlands.

At first glance it seems that Mountainy Pond is largely shielded from the blight that these towers will impose. But the application's viewsheds show that parts of the lake will have a clear view of one or more blade tips rotating in the distance. Apparently the turbines themselves will be visible from parts of the lake's western shore. Others face a more daunting outlook. We hope the applicant's scenarios will be seriously weighed against the testimony of those already living near large wind turbines.

We would also like to strongly echo concerns raised in the 12/11/19 letter from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The agency said the project is a threat to migrating birds and endangered bat species.

This is a speculative project pursued by an Austrian stock corporation which as yet has no customer for the power it hopes to generate. The company says it plans to abandon the site within 50 years, selling the equipment for scrap. Who knows what will become of the land.

I hope the DEP will conclude that this venture is not in Maine's best interest.

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