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Subject:	DP4889 Champlain Wind permit application
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RE: Champlain Wind LLC (First Wind) Carroll Plt Plt (Bowers Mountain) and Kossuth Twp (Dill Hill)

Dear Mr. Todd:

I am writing as a Maine citizen to request a public hearing for DP4889, First Wind's proposed Bowers Mt. project. First Wind, through its subsidiary Champlain Wind LLC, is planning to build a grid-scale wind project that will seriously harm a region that is an important and historic part of Maine's recreational economy. Given the scale of this industrial project, the tremendous impact it will have on the many beautiful lakes in the area and the unreasonable adverse impacts on those resources serve to classify it as inappropriate development.

First Wind's application calls for the construction of up to 69.1MW of nameplate capacity and consists of up to 27 turbines (up to 10 Siemens 3.0 MW turbines and up to 17 Siemens 2.3 MW turbines) with maximum height of 130.5 meters (428 feet), associated access roads, up to four permanent 80 meter (262 feet) MET towers, a 34.5kV electrical collector system, an electrical collection substation, a 7000sf Operations and Maintenance building and other potential ancillary improvements.

The land that First Wind has leased for this project literally abuts the northernmost edge of a massive environmentally-protected area that includes thousands of acres. This watershed hosts sixteen interconnected lakes and boasts the largest concentration of Class 1A and 1B Scenic Lakes in the State of Maine. These lakes are home to more than a dozen sporting camps and lodges and share a long and storied history that represents the very essence of Maine's sporting tradition.

This area is widely enjoyed by Mainers and vacationers in all four seasons. Investment in the preservation of this area has been enormous and is ongoing. The lion's share of the money has gone to conservation land trusts. A standout example has been the Downeast Lakes Land Trust which was formed by a group of professional guides a few years back in order to preserve their lifestyle. To date they have succeeded in protecting 350,000 acres of the forests, wildlife habitats, watersheds, and lakeshores that can sustain the region's future.

What a shame that the pristine beauty of this magnificent region will be marred by the sight of turbines on the horizon by day, and their strobe lights by night. And how tragic that these turbines will threaten the delicate habitats of native brook trout, salmon, bear, lynx and migrating birds.

This project will detract from the area's unique natural beauty and reduce its value as an outdoor recreation destination. Sporting camps, professional guides and all the supporting businesses will feel the economic impact. Jobs will be lost, property values will decline and a

natural treasure will be irretrievably lost.

Taking these points into consideration, LURC has an obligation to the people of Maine and those natural resources which have been preserved for them and posterity to conduct a public hearing on the supposed appropriateness and proposed benefits of this industrial development.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
M. Mead