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Subject:	DP 4889-- Bower"s Mt. project request for hearing
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Dear Mr. Todd and Ms. Carroll,

I am writing to add my name to those requesting a formal public hearing for First Wind's proposal to site a wind farm in the Bower's Mountain area (DP 4889). When a project has such an impact on so many of Maine's citizens and on so much of its economic resources, the burden is on the developer to prove that his project should outweigh other existing businesses and other interests. Impacts that must be taken into consideration include:

1) Impacts on wildlife. This includes bird and bat strikes (which have been shown to be far higher than industry estimates) and also the impacts on overwintering deer. How will these effects be addressed, given their extreme importance?

2) Wind towers are known to be an important cause of wildfires. How does First Wind and its associates plan to avoid this, and to pay for fires that it starts?

3) To date I have not seen any economic impact statement comparing positive effects of industrial wind vs positive effect of existing businesses on Maine's economy, and including the known negative effect on existing property values. In order to fairly evaluate these projects this is essential information. I do realize that the wind industry has done its own study but that contains only information which supports them, it does not include both halves of the story. This needs to be done by an independent researcher.

4) The high-tension power lines that will need be be built into Maine's back country have been strongly associated with increased cancers including childhood leukemia and with other serious illnesses. You need to research this problem and address it, preferably by requiring the wind industry to bury all lines deeply.

I hope to hear soon that this formal public hearing has been scheduled. Thank you, Sally McGuire Box 434 Carthage Maine 04224