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Board of Commissioners
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

Re: DP4889, Bowers Mtn.

Mr. Todd,

Please forward my request to the LURC commissioners.

I am writing to request that the Commissioners grant a public hearing in the case of DP4889 and First Wind's proposal to construct a wind energy project in Carroll Plt. and Kossuth Twp.

This project poses a unique threat to one of Maine's most scenic regions. The nature of First Wind's project is such that an inordinate number of scenic resources, in particular, at least 8 lakes that are listed as scenic resources of state significance are threatened by this imposing development proposal.

The visual impact assessment provided by the applicant exhibits significant deficiencies in its treatment of this spectacular area. A public hearing will allow a complete critique and a more comprehensive assessment of this project's likely impacts on these resources.

Considering the importance of these Maine assets, it would be unthinkable to allow this permit to be processed without input of additional information in a public forum. The Commission cannot allow this important part of Maine's heritage and signature piece of Maine's future be sacrificed without a full vetting of the applicants claims.

An additional concern is this applicant's refusal to commit to generating equipment during the application process. This lack of certainty and the applicant's questionable financial history should be cause for concern by the Commission.

I look forward to the Commission's scheduling of a public hearing and the opportunity to participate.

Respectfully,

Alan Michka
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