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Subject:	Hearing for DP 4884,proposed Bowers Mt. Wind Project
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Dear Sirs,

As a retired executive of both Wheelabrator Environmental and Zurn Industries, I was involved/responsible for the development, design, permitting, financing, construction, and/or operation of approximately 40 North American renewable energy power plants (primarily biomass waste and municipal waste) totaling approximately 2000 MW including 3 wood waste plants in Maine (Sherman Station, Livermore Falls, and Ashland). Most recently I have been actively developing novel Ocean Wave Energy Converter technology with 2 patents currently pending. Needless to say I have been a strong supporter of Renewable Energy projects since "before it was cool" or politically correct.

In an understandable but reckless attempt to "save the planet" and "save Maine's faltering economy", our well intentioned elected representatives and prior Governor passed wind energy sitting legislation which allows industrial scale wind projects to be sited in inappropriate or environmentally sensitive regions (i, e. many of our mountains and highlands) without a requirement for formal hearings or other due process. Hopefully we will not learn why tourism is our state's largest and only growing industry and job provider until after we have bespoiled the wild areas and vistas our tourists and citizens love. Maine currently produces more renewable energy than any other New England state.

I support all appropriately sited renewable energy projects. Europe, who leads U. S. wind energy development by at least 5 years, has learned to put these industrial scale wind projects 10-20 kilometers offshore rather than destroy tourism and the scenic character of their Alpine regions. Maine can and should do the same.

As a citizen and sportsman (hunting, fishing, and skiing) and of this great state I beg you to require a hearing for the subject project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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