

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE
A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Please take notice that Highland Wind LLC, (Highland) P.O. Box 457, Brunswick, ME 04011, (207) 729-1911, intends to file with the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) a Grid-Scale Wind Energy Development permit application, pursuant to the provisions of 12 M.R.S.A. Ch. 206-A et seq. and associated regulations. Highland also will be seeking a Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1341.

The application is to allow for construction and operation of 48 utility-scale wind turbines along two distinct ridgelines in Highland Plantation, Maine. The proposed 128.6-megawatt wind farm will also include electrical collection infrastructure, an electrical substation, and an operations and maintenance building. The project is located in an "expedited" permitting area and thus application review will be consistent with the requirements of *An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Wind Power Development*, PL 2007, Ch. 661. The development area is generally zoned General Management Subdistrict (M-GN).

The Grid Scale Wind Energy Development permit application will be submitted to the Commission's office in Augusta on or about December 18, 2009, and will be available for public inspection by appointment. Notice will be provided when the application is deemed complete for processing and copies of the complete application will then also be made available at the Somerset County Commissioners Office at 41 Court Street in Skowhegan, Maine 04976. The Notice of the Complete Application will also include details and the timeframe for requesting a public hearing, and for submitting comments on the application.

The application and supporting documentation will be available by appointment for review at the LURC's office in Augusta, 18 Elkins Lane, Augusta, Maine, 04333, and at LURC's regional office in Greenville, (address), during normal working hours.

Please contact Marcia Spencer-Famous of Maine Land Use Regulation Commission staff, by calling (207) 287-4933 if you have questions. Project updates for the review of this permit application may be found on LURC's website: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/index.shtml>.