## NOTICE OF FILING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

This is to notify you that Blue Sky East, LLC, c/o/ First Wind 179 Lincoln Street, Suite 500, Boston MA 02111, intends to file a Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application with the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission ("the Commission") pursuant to the provisions of 35-A M.R.S., § 3451 et seq. and 12 M.R.S., § 685-B to build a wind power project in T16 MD, Hancock County, Maine. This area is LURC zoned as General Management Subdistrict (M-GN), with areas of Wetland Protection Subdistrict (P-WL) and Shoreland Protection Subdistrict (P-SL).

Blue Sky East, LLC is seeking development permit approval from the Commission for 19 Vestas wind turbines with a potential output of 1.8 megawatts (MW) per turbine, and a combined potential output of 34 MW. The turbines will be located on Bull Hill and Heifer Hill in T16 MD. The project would also include: access to the turbines utilizing new and existing roads; 34.5 kilovolt (kV) underground collector lines connecting the turbines; a new substation; an operations and maintenance building; and up to four permanent meteorological towers. Power from the project would connect directly from the new substation to an existing 115kV transmission line.

The Grid Scale Wind Energy Development Permit Application will be submitted to the LURC Commission's office in Augusta (Maine Department of Conservation, 18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor) on or about January 28, 2011, and will be available for public inspection by appointment (See LURC contact information below).

Notice will also be provided when the application is deemed complete for processing. Copies of the complete application will then also be made available at the Hancock County Commissioners Office at 50 State Street, Ellsworth, the Land Use Regulation Commission Regional Office at 106 Hogan Road, Suite 7, Bangor, and the Eastbrook Town Office at 959 Eastbrook Road, Eastbrook,. The Notice of the Complete Application will also include details and the timeframe for requesting a public hearing, requesting intervention, and for submitting comments on the application.

Please contact David Fowler of Blue Sky East, LLC at (207)-653-2466 or <a href="mailto:dfowler@firstwind.com">dfowler@firstwind.com</a> with any questions regarding the project application.

Comments and questions can also be directed to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Planning Staff Project Manger, Donald Murphy, by calling (207) 287-2619 or e-mail donald.murphy@maine.gov. The LURC Augusta main office phone number is (207) 287-2631. LURC's website address is: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc">http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc</a>