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BY E-MAIL

Fred Todd
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Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Bowers Wind Project DP 4889

Dear Fred:

The following information is provided in response to informal data requests by LURC staff on the Bowers Wind Project application.

1. LURC staff requested information on the person signing the application and her relationship to the applicant.

Champlain Wind, LLC is a limited liability company formed under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act"). Attached as Exhibit A is the Certificate of Formation filed with the Delaware Secretary of State confirming that fact. Maine Wind Holdings, LLC is currently the sole member of Champlain Wind, LLC. As set forth in the January 27, 2011 Officer's Certificate filed with the LURC application, pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Limited Liability Company Agreement and First Amendment thereto, Maine Wind Holdings, LLC is authorized to act on behalf of Champlain Wind, LLC on all matters affecting the business and affairs of Champlain Wind, LLC. The Act does not require a limited liability company to identify its members or officers or file a copy of the liability company agreement, which is why we provided an officer's certificate confirming that Maine Wind Holdings, LLC is authorized to act on behalf of Champlain Wind, LLC, and that Elizabeth Weir was assistant secretary of Maine Wind Holdings, LLC. Ms. Weir signed the Champlain Wind, LLC LURC application in her capacity as Assistant Secretary for Maine Wind Holdings, LLC, Member of Champlain Wind, LLC. Finally, Section 2.0 of the LURC application states that Champlain Wind, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Wind Maine Holdings, LLC. Champlain Wind, LLC is an affiliate of First Wind Maine Holdings, LLC, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maine Wind Holdings, LLC, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Wind Holdings, LLC.

2. We understand that LURC staff is interested in additional information on decommissioning costs.

Attached as Exhibit B is a detailed decommissioning report prepared by Sewall. The Sewall report details the decommissioning costs and assumptions underlying those costs, as well as the salvage value estimates and assumptions underlying those estimates. As noted in that report, the decommissioning costs are based on disassembly of the component parts for sale as scrap, as opposed to disassembly in a manner that will allow for sale of intact component parts for re-use. Likewise, the salvage values are based on scrap as opposed to re-use values.

This report replaces the information provided in Exhibit 20, Section 20 of the Application. The estimated decommissioning costs set forth in Exhibit 20 were based on disassembly of the project component parts, including the wind turbine generators, met towers and electrical collector system, in a manner that allowed for the sale and re-use of those parts. Disassembly for re-use is labor intensive and expensive, because it requires substantial construction oversight and specialized equipment, practices and testing to ensure that the components remain in working order and are available for re-use. For example, the process of turbine disassembly would in effect be the reverse of the initial turbine installation, and would require the use of specialized cranes to remove the blades and components and transport them off-site intact. Disassembly of component parts that will be sold as scrap is substantially less expensive because the parts do not need to be preserved for re-use but may be broken down on site and without utilizing special measures to ensure that the parts remain functional. Because the decommissioning costs in Exhibit 20 assumed the resale of component parts, the Exhibit 20 salvage values likewise reflect the higher values associated with sale of intact components. In contrast, the Sewall report utilizes scrap metal prices, which is consistent with the decommissioning methodology in that report. The existence of a well-developed scrap metal market reduces the uncertainty in estimating salvage values and therefore we believe the updated methodology, which utilizes scrap metal prices in lieu of estimates of the resale value of wind turbine component parts, is an appropriate methodology.

3. Dave Rocque requested additional soils information for the area near the O&M building.

Due to the size of the soils information, it is included on a separate CD. Both the CD and a paper copy are being delivered to your office. We have not sent a CD to the two intervenors but can do so upon request.

4. Mr. Palmer requested the surveys done by Portland Research Group, and referenced in the Visual Impact Assessment.

Attached as Exhibit C is a letter from LandWorks enclosing the results of the telephone surveys done by the Portland Research Group in January, 2011 and referenced in the Visual Impact Assessment, as well as a survey of snowmobilers done by Portland Research Group in February, 2011.

If you have any questions on the enclosed, please feel free to contact me, Stantec or First Wind.

Sincerely,

Juliet T. Browne

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Enclosures
cc: Neil Keily
Geoff West
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