



May 26, 2010

Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Subject: Petition to Initiate Rulemaking to Add Lands to the Expedited Wind Permitting Area
Kossuth Township, Washington County

Dear Ms. Horn Olsen:

Enclosed for your review is a Petition for Rulemaking pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §8055 for the Proposed Addition of certain land to LURC's designated expedited wind permitting area. The Proposed Addition is in Kossuth Township, Washington County, and would be part of the Bowers Mountain Wind Project in Carroll, Penobscot County, expected to be filed with LURC this fall. We are filing this Petition anticipating a decision on the rulemaking in time to determine the permitting pathway for the Kossuth portion of the project. Please bring this Petition to the Commission to schedule a rulemaking hearing as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me (207-228-6874 or nkiely@firstwind.com) or Joy Prescott (207-729-1199 or jprescott@stantec.com) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil J. Kiely", is written over a large, sweeping horizontal line that extends across the page.

Neil J. Kiely
Director, Development New England
First Wind Energy, LLC
as Administrator for Champlain Wind, LLC

cc: Joy Prescott, Stantec Consulting