



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

October 14, 2015

Mr. Jim R. Beyer
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
106 Hogan Road, Suite 6
Bangor, Maine 04401

Re: Site Location of Development and Natural Resources Protection Act Permit
Applications, Number Nine Wind Farm LLC

Dear Mr. Beyer,

CBP fully supports SOM OIT Radio Operations' request to establish exclusion zones to protect the physical operation of the pre-existing SOM/CBP Number Nine Mountain communications site. These zones will protect the performance and reliability of this mission critical Federal law enforcement communications link.

Additionally, CBP requests that future wind farm project assessments require that project proponents ensure wind turbines and associated project structures will not cause problems to existing communications systems as part of the environmental impact assessment. In addition, the process shall include notification of the proposed project to the operators of these pre-existing communications systems.

Your assistance in this matter greatly appreciated,

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claude Oden".

Claude Oden
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