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January 13, 2010

Catherine M. Carroll, Director
Maine Land Use Regulatory Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

Dear Director Carroll,

Please accept this letter as my formal request for a public hearing regarding, Development Permit DP 4860, TransCanada's proposed expansion of the Kibby project to Sisk Mountain.

While I understand that the proposal has been modified to include expansion in only the expedited permitted area I believe that the proposal is a substantial expansion that should have a public hearing.

Expanding the project to a new ridgeline that was outside of the original project region would be best served by holding a public hearing to ensure proper public debate and discussion can take place regarding the proposal.

Sisk Mountain is home to several important species including the Canada Lynx (listed as a threatened species), it is the historic nesting grounds for the golden eagle, and thousands of migratory birds pass through the range annually.

Given the particular importance of this mountain and its location, the proposed expansion is clearly a significant change from the originally proposed and approved project and must have a full review that includes robust public comment and public hearing.

I urge the Commission to schedule a public hearing on this significant project expansion and look forward to watching the process as it moves forward.

Respectfully,

Benjamin Marriner Pratt
State Representative

District 20 Bradley, Brewer (part), Clifton, Dedham, Eddington and Holden

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Greg Perkins [gregperkins096@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 7:11 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: Sisk Mtn. Extension
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Maricia:

I am writing this email to request a public hearing on the Trans Canada application to extend industrial turbines to Sisk Mtn.

Yours truly,

Greg Perkins

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: E. A. D. B. [ethan.bien@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2010 6:49 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: an email in support of a public hearing for TransCanada's Sisk MT. development application
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I want to thank you for letting us know about Trans-Canada's application. I know that the last public hearing turned into a bit of a zoo. Regardless, I am writing because I remain of the belief that this application needs and deserves a public hearing as well. I don't think TransCanada's plan is worth anything to Maine or the environment, I don't think Sisk is within their bounds, and I want to see if they can make their plan stand up to public scrutiny.

Sincerely,

Ethan
Jay

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Lapointe, Jeannine on behalf of LURC
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: Expanded Wind Power Development
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From: Adrienne Rollo [mailto:countryroad@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 10:07 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Expanded Wind Power Development

We are requesting a public hearing on the following proposed project.

On December 22, 2009, TransCanada Maine Wind Development, Inc. submitted a permit application to expand its existing Kibby Wind Power Project in Kibby Twp. and Skinner Twp in Franklin County. The project expansion would be located in Kibby Twp. and Chain of Ponds Twp., and would consist of 15 Vestas V90 turbines, access roads, a 34.5 kV collector line, and a substation.

John & Adrienne Rollo
PO Box 123
New Vineyard, ME 04956

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: A Michka [armichka@207me.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 3:07 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: TransCanada expansion
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Dear Marcia,

I am writing to request that LURC schedule a public hearing on the permit application submitted by TransCanada for the expansion of their wind power development into Chain Of Ponds Twp. A public hearing should, beyond any shadow of a doubt, be required for this permit application.

The speculation that this project could ultimately spread into areas not within the expedited permitting area raises special concerns that should be explored publicly.

As you know, Chain Of Ponds is listed by LURC as a Resource Class 1A lake of statewide significance with *Outstanding* and *Significant* Resource Ratings. Maine's citizens deserve to have their voices heard and concerns aired publicly in regard to this development that will change Maine's landscape negatively and irreversibly.

Additionally, numerous noise issues with these types of developments have become more widely known raising them to an even higher level of public concern. Increased public scrutiny of this matter should be expected.

Finally, the history of the Kibby project, with the well publicized massive erosion problems experienced during early development, is enough reason by itself to require a public hearing.

I look forward to hearing from LURC with a date for a public hearing on TransCanada's permit application.

Sincerely,
Alan Michka
Lexington Twp., ME

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Carroll, Catherine M.
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: Kibby Expansion Project
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Catherine M. Carroll

Director, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
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22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022
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www.maine.gov/doc/lurc

From: Linda Cunningham [mailto:lindac@coastalprintinginc.com]
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 9:34 AM
To: Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject: Kibby Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Carroll,

We, residents and property owners of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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As demonstrated by the continued calls for additional hearings regarding the Kibby Expansion Project, all industrial wind development in the state continues to generate controversy. LURC is mandated to issue public hearings based upon demonstrated public interest and additional information not addressed within the application, both of which exist in the case of Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

1/11/2010

Scott T. Cunningham
Linda L. Cunningham

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: kmichka@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2010 11:11 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: public hearing request
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Dear Marcia,

I understand that TransCanada has applied for a permit to expand its wind power development into the Chain of Ponds Township. I am requesting that you schedule a public hearing regarding this permit application well before you make a ruling.

Public concern is growing with regard to the negative noise issues relating to wind turbine developments of this magnitude. The people of Maine deserve to have a voice in this matter, so that you may better function as the voice of the people.

Chain of Ponds is recognized by LURC as a significant resource for this state. Much consideration and scrutiny needs to be given to this permit application, as this development will permanently alter the landscape, with irreversible damage in the process. Public input is essential for your consideration, if the lake is to be protected as the regulations originally intended.

Considering the erosion problems associated with the Kibby wind development project, it is unimaginable that you would not be greatly concerned for the welfare of the Chain of Ponds region. A public hearing is absolutely necessary to ensure you have all the information necessary to soundly defend Maine's greatest asset, its naturally occurring resources.

I look forward to hearing that you have, indeed, taken your charge very seriously, and scheduled a public hearing regarding this expansion permit application.

Sincerely,
Kay Michka
Lexington TWP, ME 04961

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Lapointe, Jeannine on behalf of LURC
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 8:34 AM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: hearing for transcanada project
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From: sherwats2 [mailto:sherwats2@wildblue.net]
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 7:58 PM
To: LURC
Subject: hearing for transcanada project

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, NAME, a RESIDENT/PROPERTY OWNER/ of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

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Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Lapointe, Jeannine on behalf of LURC
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 8:33 AM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: public hearing
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From: dpmorris tds.net [mailto:dpmorris@tds.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2010 9:47 AM
To: LURC
Subject: public hearing

To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that another expansion at Kibby Wind Power is about to happen or slated to be decided on by LURC. It is my hope that the proper concern for this project be put forth. I feel there is a need to gather a public forum on this matter. Little is known as to the adverse effects of wind development on the human condition or natural wildlife, but more is coming too light everyday. It is not good news.

However, that is not my position here. I am a builder, mostly of second homes to those people in other states. I am finding it appalling to hear such an attack taking place towards the future of our now #1 industry--tourism. The western mountains of Maine are going to be critical to our future development. And, when I hear such statements from Angus King is that people will travel to see them I would suggest that might happen only once. Then it will be unlikely that another trip will ever materialize. Don't let these mountains be torn apart without at least a Public Forum on all issues regarding wind power.

The future might well be written in lost potential for our state.

Sincerely, David Morris, Resident of Eustis, Maine

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Lapointe, Jeannine on behalf of LURC
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 10:40 AM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: Kibby Expansion Project
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From: Wilhelm Reich Museum [mailto:wilhelmreichmuseum@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Wilhelm Reich Museum
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 8:38 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Kibby Expansion Project

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Mary Henderson, a RESIDENT AND PROPERTY OWNER/ of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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require a public hearing process for every wind power proposal planned in areas under LURC's jurisdiction

Respectfully,

Mary Henderson
PO Box 15
Stratton, Maine 04982
206-246-2271

Dain and Vera Trafton
135 Tory Hill Road
Phillips, Maine 04966

11 January 2010 (Sent by email and U.S. Mail)

Catherine M. Carroll, Director
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission 22
State House Station Augusta, ME
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Re: Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Township

Dear LURC Commissioners and Staff:

We are writing to request that LURC hold a public hearing on TransCanada MaineWind Development's "Kibby Expansion Project." There is great public concern about the proposed development of wind power facilities on Sisk Mountain for many significant reasons. For example, the mountain lies in an area of scenic value whose recreational opportunities will only grow in importance as fewer and fewer places retain their natural, undeveloped appeal. We who live here are not the only ones who appreciate these qualities: There are four scenic resources of state or national significance located within three miles of the project, including the Arnold Trail (National Register of Historic Places), Chain of Ponds (Great Ponds), Kibby Stream (Scenic River) and the Natanis Pond Overlook (Scenic Road Turnout). Maine is known far and wide for its unique sense of place, which offers spiritual as well as economic benefits for residents of the area, part-time land owners and visitors.

Sisk Mountain, whose ridges we have hiked, is also a pristine mountain habitat which should not be damaged by major development unless the effects of that development are first given very careful oversight. Water quality, animal habitat, soil stability - numerous elements come into play when roads are built, rock is blasted, etc. The public needs to hear the developer's reasons for wanting to change a mountain in our local area so fundamentally, and we need to be able address matters which the application does not cover.

It is very easy for policy makers to make decisions with wide-ranging effects on the local surrounding communities by only looking at maps and hearing the testimony from developers giving their side of the story. Without having the additional perspective which people with the actual experience of living in that targeted landscape can give, those decisions run the risk of being lopsided. It is also disconcerting that decisions affecting our future be taken without our being given a chance to have a public hearing.

It is important that LURC's staff and commissioners have a chance to hear from the public about our concerns. We hope you will agree to hold a public hearing, where doubts about the proposal can be voiced and perhaps removed.

Sincerely yours,

Vera H. Trafton

Dain A. Trafton

Vera H. Trafton

Dain A. Trafton

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Carroll, Catherine M.
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 5:00 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: Hearing on Sisk Mountain

Catherine M. Carroll

Director, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
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From: Robert Kimber [mailto:rrkimber@megalink.net]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject: Hearing on Sisk Mountain

Dear Catherine:

I'm writing to request the Commission to hold a public hearing on TransCanada's application to expand its Kibby wind-power plant onto Sisk Mountain.

The Chain of Ponds is one of the most treasured scenic and recreational areas in western Maine. Because the Kibby expansion could radically alter the area, the public should have an opportunity to contribute its perspectives to the Commission's deliberations on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
Bob

Robert Kimber
PO Box 525
Temple, ME 04984
207-778-3168
rrkimber@megalink.net

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Carroll, Catherine M.
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 8:32 AM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: Request a Sisk public hearing

Catherine M. Carroll
Director, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Fecteau [mailto:rfecteau@hciwireless.net]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject: Request a Sisk public hearing

Dear Ms. Carroll,

I wish to request that LURC hold a public hearing on the Trans Canada application DP 4860 and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer their views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mt. in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships.

Trans Canada told the commission during the Kibby hearings that they would not seek to develop additional wind projects in the Boundary Mountains. Now the commission is faced with a request from Trans Canada to expand their developments in the Boundary Mountains.

Trans Canada told the commission that they would be contributing millions to the State with its tax dollars, then they applied for and received TIF status which drastically cut their property taxes.

I would like Trans Canada to explain their actions on these and other issues in a public forum with LURC.

Sincerely,
Richard Fecteau
284 Ramsdell Rd.
Farmington, Me. 04938
207-778-0870

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Arnold Expedition Historical Society
599 Shapleigh Corner Road
Shapleigh, Maine 04076

To: LURC, Marcia Spenser-Famous
From: Stephen Clark, AEHS
Re: Sisk Mtn. Wind Power Application
Date: January 8, 2010

The Arnold Expedition Historical Society, an organization incorporated in Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine's proposed Wind Development, the so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" on Sisk Mtn. This is to provide an opportunity for the general public and our organization to offer our evidence, views and concerns regarding this proposal as it affects the Chain of Ponds Township.

We are particularly concerned with the visual impact of the huge proposed industrial power production facility will have on a generally pristine area, of great National Historical significance. In 1775, a contingent of brave American soldiers, under the command of Col. Benedict Arnold, ascended the North Branch of the Dead River, then followed the entire length of the Chain of Ponds, then began a long portage over the Boundary Mtns. on their way to attempt to capture the city of Quebec. There have been many books and many people who, each year regularly follow this route from Cambridge, MA to Quebec City.

LURC has previously recognized the importance of this historical route as they have designated a protective zone from the end of the Chain of Ponds to the US, Canadian border in Coburn Gore.

The proposed development would visually impact the entire Chain of Ponds and this protective zone, as it is approximately 3 miles or less from this area.

We would also point out that it is very close to a major highway, Maine Route 27, in which many American citizens use, to cross the International boundary. And many visitors from our neighbor to the north, Canada, use this route to enter the United States. To our knowledge, this would be the closest proposed wind power development to a Major State Highway in Maine.

For these important reasons, it is imperative that a public hearing on these and other important issues be held by LURC.

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The increasing public concern surrounding the proposed development of Sisk Mountain for industrial wind power production is rooted in the area's outstanding scenic value, the wide range of recreational opportunities and sensitive, pristine natural habitat.

We urge LURC to require a public hearing process for the Sisk Mtn. project.

We would also request that you send us a portion of TransCanada's Sisk Mtn. application. We would like to have only information pertaining to visual impacts of the proposed project and the maps showing facility's locations. We understand that the application is more than 700 pages long. We do not need the entire application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Clark".

Stephen Clark, President AEHS and acting for the AEHS Board of Directors.

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Lapointe, Jeannine

From: tbor423@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 11:45 AM
To: LURC
Subject: TransCanada's Expansion Project

Please add my name to the rising chorus requesting there be a public hearing on TransCanada's expansion plan relating to its Kibby Project in the Boundary Mountains.

Tom O'Rourke
Oquossoc, Me

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: karl mac [karlyo2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 9:10 PM
To: LURC
Subject: expedited wind turbines

Please do your job and have a public hearing on proposed wind turbines for kirby mt.

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Barbara Ulman [bzbu@sti.net]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 11:57 PM
To: LURC
Subject: wind power proposals

As a matter of good public policy, LURC should grant public hearings for **all** wind power proposals. Many of them destroy important habitat, and none of them really save money or decrease our need of other energy sources. We should learn about them in public meetings and have an opportunity to comment for each one proposed.

Barbara Ulman
PO Box 260
Oquossoc, ME

January 11, 2010
LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I Carolyn R. Dodge, a resident/property owner of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on Trans Canada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn R. Dodge

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Jim Hutzler [pcc7407@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 9:41 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Kibby Expansion Project

Attachments: public letter - public hearing request.doc



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Petition attached

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, James L. Hutzler, a property owner in the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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James L. Hutzler, Oquossoc

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Rand Stowell [rstowell@microptixtech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 10:27 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Expedited Zone Expansion

Dear Commissioners:

I, am requesting that LURC hold a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer their views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely yours,

1/19/2010

Rand N. Stowell
Weld, Maine

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Robert Corey [harmony1@midmaine.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 10:40 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Request for public hearing-Sisk Mtn.
Attachments: public letter - public hearing request.doc

Please accept the attached letter to request a public hearing concerning wind development on Sisk Mountain.
Thank you.

Sincerely, Robert Corey
Kathleen Parrish
278 Shore Road
Northport, Maine 04849

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

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Robert Corey and Kathleen Parrish

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Mary Henderson [oldyhen@tds.net]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 9:38 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Sisk Mountain Petition
Attachments: FBM Petition.doc

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Mary Henderson [oldyhen@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 5:09 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Sisk Mountain

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Mary Henderson, a RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER/of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Mary Henderson

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Mary Henderson [oldyhen@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 5:08 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Sisk Mountain

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Linda Lowell, a RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER/of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

Linda Lowell

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Mary Henderson [oldyhen@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 5:07 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Sisk Mountain

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Harriett Powers, a RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER/of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Harriett Powers

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Mary Henderson [oldyhen@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 5:06 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Sisk Mountain

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Basil Powers, a RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER/of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

Basil Powers

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Carroll, Catherine M.
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 12:51 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Request

Catherine M. Carroll
Director, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022
Telephone: Office(207) 287-4930 Cell (207) 592-4448 www.maine.gov/doc/lurc

-----Original Message-----

From: William Baker [mailto:wbaker@juilliard.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 7:07 PM
To: Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject: Public Hearing Request

To LURC Commissioners:

There is serious public policy concern about the use of Sisk Mountain for wind power. In fact, the greatest assets of the State remain its natural beauty and remoteness. If this is changed we will forever be "just another place." Like the National Parks, this country gets its soul from its God-given natural places.

A public hearing is mandatory for offer a public discourse on this important matter.

many thanks,

William baker
Chain of Ponds campowner
2 Highgate Road
Riverside, CT
06878

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Galaxygoon [galaxygoon@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 11:45 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Request for public hearing
Attachments: Transcanada public hearing request.wps

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Deborah McCarthy, a RESIDENT of and PROPERTY OWNER in the State of Maine, hereby request that LURC hold a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

Deborah McCarthy

188 Hare St

Phillips, Me. 04966

1/19/2010

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: lloyd griscom [lloyd.griscom@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 12:29 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Kibby Mountain Expansion-request for a public hearing.

Dear LURC Commisioners,

I am writing to request that you hold public hearings about the expansion plans for the Kibby Mountain Project. I believe it is a helpful part of due process to consider all opinions.

Thank you for considering my request.

best regards,

Lloyd Griscom
1232 Reeds Mill Road
Phillips, Maine 04966

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Bert Lambert [bertlambert@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 12:38 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Hearing Request re Sisk Mt.

My name is Bertrand Lambert. I am a life-long resident in the western Maine mountains. the purpose of this letter is to request a public hearing on the Sisk Mountain Chain industrial wind-generating plants' creeping sprawl.

As was predicted by those who opposed the Kibby Mountain assault by wind plant developers, we now have creeping expansion further into our precious Western Maine Mountains.

This expedited law is being taken as a carte blanche to throw out our long-standing laws protecting our mountains from scenic, botanical, wildlife, and economic rape. This expansion would be very close to and have a severe impact on the Arnold Trail, Chain of Ponds (Great Ponds), Kibby Stream and Natanis Pond Overlook. It is home to the federally protected Golden Eagle and Canada Lynx. None of these are addressed in the expedited, i.e., ignore the law, application.

To not hold a public hearing would be tantamount to handing the developers the power to take over our government and fit it to suit themselves and out-of-state or Canadian investors.

Do the right thing, hold a public hearing.

Very truly yours,

Bertrand Lambert

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Nancy O'Toole [npatu@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 1:37 PM
To: LURC
Subject: RE: request for a public hearing on Sisk Mountain

January 13, 2010

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

Dear LURC Commissioners,

I, Nancy O'Toole, a resident of the state of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada's "Kibby Expansion project."

The best forum for the public to comment is a public hearing; in front of the agency that gets to decide the fate of our local mountains. The residents of Maine have a right to be heard, to voice their concerns, and to provide your staff with questions that needs to be addressed prior to approval. Trying to review such a large document over the holidays is unfair and a huge burden for the people of Maine.

Some of these questions are addressed below.

1. There is 0.4 miles of proposed crane road, 34 feet wide, outside the expedited area. This needs a special permit and should be considered separate from the application.
2. A significant impact totaling 34.8 acres of the fragile community of Fir-Heartleaved Birch Sub-alpine, a state S3 listing, will be permanently lost by the project. Can't we avoid this impact?
3. The Meteorological towers went up in August, that was only 5 months ago, how can TransCanada claim such great wind if they only have data for maybe, 4 months total. Why do they need two more towers if they have enough information to submit an application?
4. Allowing 39 pole placement inside the buffer zone of stream banks is not acceptable. It seems that TransCanada is in a rush to get some good stimulus money and haven't done their homework well enough. Make them do it right.
5. The vernal pool analysis is flawed, they performed their survey July through August, not in May, as they claim is the best time for assessment. Make them do it right, How can we assess the impact when it has not been done correctly.
6. Roaring Brook Mayfly analysis, is it complete?

Too many questions need to be answered in a PUBLIC FORUM!
Do the right thing, for the people of Maine, and not the developers;
Hold a public hearing.

Thank you,

1/19/2010

Nancy O'Toole

im EMAILING FOR THE GREATER GOOD
Join me

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Linda [lhellie@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 2:32 PM
To: LURC
Subject: request for public hearing on the Kibby expansion project

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, John Hellie, a RESIDENT/PROPERTY OWNER/ of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

John Hellie

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Linda [lhellie@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 2:31 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Kibby expansion project request for a public hearing

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Linda Hellie

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: hope.alexander@gmail.com on behalf of Hope Alexander [griscom.h@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 2:40 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Trans-Canada expansion

to LURC Commissioners and staff,

As a resident and property owner of Phillips, in Franklin County, I urge you to schedule a public hearing to offer the general public an opportunity to express their views and concerns about the Trans-Canada/Kibby mountain wind farm expansion.

Isn't it your responsibility to listen to concerns from all sides when making decisions affecting the common good?

--

Hope Alexander Griscom
1232 Reeds Mill Road
Phillips, ME 04966

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Meg Gilmartin [meg.gilmartin4@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 3:12 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Request for Public Hearing on DP4860
Attachments: LURC request for public hearing -meg.doc

Request for Public Hearing on Application DP4860

January 13, 2010

LURC Staff and Commissioners;

Within the TransCanada application, The Expansion of the Kibby Mt Project (DP 4860), there exist unanswered questions and a high level of public concern. I urge the LURC Staff and Commissioners to issue a public hearing to gather lacking crucial information presented by expert witnesses and the public. With LURC's credibility under such a high level of public scrutiny and industrial wind power growing in opposition, a public hearing for this application is necessary to maintain positive public policy.

Expert witnesses and the public could assist in answering and addressing the following questions and concerns that exist within the proposal:

1. Sisk Mountain is historic nesting grounds for the Golden Eagle (*protected under the Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act*). Mark McCullough, Ph.D, endangered species specialist for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Maine Field Office in Old Town has stated that a mating pair has been sighted in the Sisk Mountain area and is most likely looking to mate and raise young at their historic nesting grounds.
2. There are *four scenic resources of state or national significance* located within three miles of the project including the Arnold Trail (National Register of Historic Places), Chain of Ponds (Great Ponds), Kibby Stream (Scenic River) and the Natanis Pond Overlook (Scenic Road Turnout. *The close proximity of numerous points of scenic resource are listed as a concern under LD2283.*
3. *Chain of Ponds is defined as a Great Pond* by the Maine Wildlands Lake Assessment, with a rating of outstanding in four out of six categories. How does the application address this controversial aspect of the proposal?
4. The Sisk Mountain area is heavily trafficked by migratory song birds and native species (*protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Act*). Wind power is a known disturbance to migratory paths of birds. Has the US Fish and Wildlife Services been contacted regarding this issue?
5. Endangered Species have been sighted in the Sisk Mountain area including the Eastern Gray Wolf and the Canada Lynx, for which this area is within listed critical habitat (protected under the *Federal Endangered Species Act*). Considering the illusive nature of these species and wide range of travel, what *long-term* tracking and monitoring programs have been put into place *prior* to project construction?
6. What are TransCanada's plans for *remediation of the wetlands areas* that the project will disturb? What are the impacts of this disturbance upon the hydrology of the Sisk Mountain area? Chain of Ponds? And impacts upon local wildlife?

7. Chain of Ponds is an important recreational area, prized for its remote beauty, what studies have been done regarding the negative impacts upon viewsheds and tourism?
8. Road building is proposed on an area that is outside of the expedited wind power areas. Doesn't this construction mandate the procedure for re-zoning?
9. Having spoken with all of the camp owners on Chain of Ponds a large amount of concern exists, yet public opposition is limited due to political pressure, is there a safe or anonymous way for the public to voice their concerns? How will camp owners be compensated for decreases in property values?
10. The December 16th public hearing regarding expansion of the expedited areas illuminated the large amount of public concern regarding the protection and preservation of this unique area.

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Thank you for your time,

Meg Gilmartin

PO Box 622

Corinth, Maine 04427

meg.gilmartin4@gmail.com

Spencer-Famous, Marcia

From: Wendy Glenn [maineproperty@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 4:26 PM
To: Spencer-Famous, Marcia
Subject: Request for Public Hearing Sisk Mountain
Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Marcia: Below please find my comments with regard to a public hearing on TransCanada's proposed development of Sisk Mountain. I trust that you will ensure that my correspondence will be directed to the appropriate location.

Thank You,

Wendy A. Glenn

Maine Land Use Regulation Commission:

I am writing to express my concern with regard to TransCanada's proposed industrial wind development plan on any portion of Sisk Mountain. It is not only my concern but that of The Chain of Ponds Camp Owners Association; the owner's of the camps located where the historic Megantic Fish and Game Corporation was formerly located.

Trans Canada has met with the camp owners as a group and some of us individually to try to assuage our concerns with regard to the potential development of Sisk Mountain. None of the property owners at the meeting were in any way in favor of the development or any part of the Boundary Mountains, specifically Sisk Mountain. Given the overwhelming negative response to this project from the immediate local community a public hearing should be held with regard to any development of Sisk Mountain or future expansion of any development in the Boundary Mountains, be it in the expedited wind zone or not..

The Great Ponds are public waters of the State of Maine, and belong to the people of Maine. The great ponds adjacent to the proposed project are known as the Chain of Ponds. At the base of Sisk Mountain, and on the shores of Chain of Ponds is the Chain of Ponds Public Reserve Land. Public Reserve Lands also belong to the people of Maine.

The Boundary Mountains, of which Sisk Mountain is a part, surround the Chain of Ponds. Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission has deemed this area Outstanding in many categories.

According to the Land Use Districts and Standards Chapter 10 appendix C revised 1-20-09. The list of Lakes showing Wildlands Lake Assessment Finding: Chain of Ponds is classified as a Resource Class 1A water body; the highest standard. 1A = lakes of statewide significance with two or more outstanding values. It is considered undeveloped and Relatively Accessible. It is Management Class 2 =

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accessible, **undeveloped lakes with exceptional values.**

The resource ratings for Chain of Ponds are as follows

Fisheries = Outstanding (highest rating)

Wildlife = Outstanding

Scenic = Outstanding

Shore Character = Significant (second highest rating)

Botanic = no rating listed

Cultural = Significant

Physical = Outstanding

You, LURC, must ensure that **“The proposal will not adversely affect natural and cultural resource values identified as significant or Outstanding in the Wildlands Lakes Assessment.”** You, the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, are charged with the duty to protect our public property and our State’s Natural Resources.

You must ensure that certain standards be met. That **“Adequate provision has been made for fitting the proposal harmoniously into the existing natural environment in order to assure there will be no undue adverse effect on existing uses, scenic character, and natural and historic resources in the area likely to be affected by the proposal, ”**

The windmills will not be located directly on the shore but due to their enormous size and the number of them that will be visible and audible from the ponds, the windmills will have a serious negative impact on the experience that has been enjoyed and treasured by the public for years on Chain of Ponds.

You must ensure that **“The proposal will not have an undue adverse impact on traditional uses; including without limitation, non-intensive public recreation, sporting camp operations, timber harvesting, and agriculture...”**

The traditional uses include many non-intensive public recreational opportunities; fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, ice fishing, and restorative relaxation. These activities have been enjoyed for centuries in the pristine mountains and lakes that are the focus of the Chain of Ponds.

AT the turn of the last century The Megantic Fish and Game Corporation had a set of camps on the Chain of Ponds that existed precisely for these non-intensive recreational activities. When Route 27 was paved the camps were relocated over the mountains to the West on Big Island Pond where they exist to this day. The decision was made to move the camps because of the encroaching development, the paving of the road. Any kind of industrial development would once again change the existing pristine nature of this area.

Just as United States presidents from a century ago spent time at these sporting camps, today people from all over the nation come to enjoy this location at Natanis Pond Campground and the Chain of Ponds Reserve Land. In addition, The Chain of Ponds Camp Owners Association has invested in and kept alive the camps that are part of Maine’s history and come to this area to participate in the same activities that have been enjoyed here for centuries.

It is obvious that the development of the Boundary Mountains, for any purpose, will not maintain the natural character of the environment; the major characteristic being relatively undeveloped land that is accessible to, used by, and owned by the greater public of the state of Maine and the nation. For these reasons the public’s opinion should be heard on any matter pertaining to the use of the land and water that belong to them; that belong to me.

Cordially,

Wendy A. Glenn

Member: Chain of Ponds Association

Year round resident of Carrabassett Valley, Maine

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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to inform you that even though I was 100% in favor of the Kibby Windmill project and I also stepped up & spoke in favor of them at local meetings.

I do not agree with the additional project you are attempting in the Chain of ponds area.

I feel between the noise and the Casmetics of the structures it would Ruin the 5 miles of ponds & Surrounding camp's and area.

The Kibby project should first be completed and observed before attempting to grow in other areas.

Thank you
Brian Ricker

207-462-7708

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: tmauzaka@netscape.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 4:50 PM
To: LURC
Subject: public hearing

I am writing to request a public hearing on future wind power projects in western Maine. The public should be heard when considering this type of construction in the unorganized land.

Tom Mauzaka
21 Hartwell Rd
Strong, Maine

January 13, 2010

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

Dear Chairperson Harvey and LURC Commissioners,

I am writing to request that the LURC hold a public hearing in the matter of Development Permit DP 4860 submitted by TransCanada.

TransCanada testified to the public that they had no plans to construct any additional wind turbines in the Boundary Mountain area other than the original Kibby Project. This project like a chameleon seems to be changing its designation from a new project to an extension of the Kibby Project and calls for the public to be able to examine the true nature, extent and impact of it.

This project will have far more impact on the Hwy 27 scenic by-way, significantly important Chain of Ponds recreational area and historic Arnold Trail than the Kibby project does. Everyone living in this area, who have vacation homes or just vacation or visit must be able to express their views to the Commission, and be able to hear TransCanada's answers to all questions and concerns that are brought up.

The Commission needs to examine the long-term effects this project will have in this economically depressed area. To sacrifice long-term tourism, sporting, hunting and recreation activities for a very short-term construction boom would be a shame.

I commend this commission for not giving in to TransCanada's request to jam the original Sisk Mountain Project and extension of the expedited area into one brief meeting, but am concerned that the LURC staff is following too closely all of TransCanada's request for how the evaluation of this project should proceed and ignoring inputs from others.

I think it is imperative that the public not be cut completely out of the process for evaluating projects in the expedited areas and cannot believe that it was the intention of the legislators to let powerful companies build anywhere they want regardless of its impact on the people of Maine.

Sincerely,

Emerson L Dyer, Jr.
1061 The Arnold Trl
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Eustis, ME 04936-0068
207-246-7472
solsticeglass@earthlink.net

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Emerson Dyer [solsticeglass@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 5:17 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Request for a public hearing on DP4860, TransCanada's Kibbyexpansion project.

Attachments: Reqst for DP 4860 hearing .doc



Reqst for DP 4860
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Catherine Carroll,

You will find attached to this email my letter to the LURC Commissioners requesting a public hearing for DP4860, TransCanada's application for the Kibby Wind Project expansion project.

Sincerely,
Emerson Dyer

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Robert Siegel [rrllc1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 7:36 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Kibby Expansion Project and Mt. Sisk

Dear LURC,

My wife and I are requesting that you hold a public hearing on the Kibby Expansion Project and the plans to put wind turbines on Mt. Sisk. Wind turbines have not yet proven their cost efficiency, and by putting them on mountains in the wildest parts of Maine threatens the tourist industry that is Maine's future, not to mention the existence of a number of threatened species such as the Golden Eagle. Meanwhile, big corporations are trying to grab all the subsidies from our taxes going toward the very expensive construction and use of these yet unproven sources of energy.

Sincerely, Robert and Roberta Siegel 247 Witchtrot Rd, South Berwick Maine, 03908

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Robert Siegel [rrllc1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 7:45 PM
To: LURC
Subject: Petition About Kibby Expansion Project for Sisk Hearing
Attachments: FBM Petition Form_request for Sisk hearing.doc

Attached is a petition for LURC.

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Ryan Clarke [saveourmountains@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 9:05 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Public Hearing Request for Kibby Mt. Expansion

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Ryan Clarke, of Corinth, ME, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

Ryan Clarke

PO Box 622

Corinth, ME 04427

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: joan and henry Braun [joanhenrybraun@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 10:02 AM
To: LURC
Subject: request hearing on Kibby Expansion Project

We, Joan and Henry Braun of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Thank you,

Joan and Henry Braun
Weld, Maine 04285

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Kirsten Brown Burbank [kburbank@msad58.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 9:59 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Request for public hearing
Attachments: Request for public hearing letter.doc

Dear LURC Commissioners and Staff,

Please accept my letter of request due by today 1/13/2010 and attached to this e-mail.

Thank you very much for your time.

Kirsten Burbank
Salem Township, Maine

January 12, 2010

Dear LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Kirsten Brown Burbank of Salem Township of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kirsten Brown Burbank
Salem Township

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Donna Chamberlain [donnabchamberlain@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 10:20 AM

To: LURC

Subject: public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project"

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Donna Chamberlain, a RESIDENT and PROPERTY OWNER of the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called Kibby Expansion Project and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

Donna Chamberlain

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: mccross [mccross@hughes.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 11:14 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Request for a public hearing
Attachments: Wind Power- public hearing request.doc

LURC Commissioners and Staff,

I, Michael Cross, a RESIDENT of and PROPERTY OWNER in the State of Maine, hereby request a public hearing on TransCanada Maine Wind Development's so-called "Kibby Expansion Project" and provide an opportunity for the general public to offer our views and concerns about this proposal for Sisk Mountain in Chain of Ponds and Kibby Townships, as well as all other industrial wind development proposals. Industrial wind power continues to be controversial in Maine. Wind power has an extremely large and unknown impact on surrounding natural areas and local communities. The Sisk Mountain area presents additional concerns, as was witnessed by the LURC commissioners at the December 16th public hearing regarding the expansion of the expedited areas to include Sisk Mountain. At this hearing, the vast majority of the public testimony reflected grave concerns regarding wind development on Sisk Mountain.

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Respectfully,

Michael Cross

1/19/2010

188 Hare St
Phillips, Me. 04966

Lapointe, Jeannine

From: Diane Boretos [callwild2@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 11:01 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Comments on the Kibby Mtn. Expansion Project on Sisk Mtn.
Attachments: Sisk Mtn..doc

Jan. 13, 2010

Dear Ms. Famous:

Please find the attached comments on the Kibby Expansion Project on Sisk Mtn..

C. Diane Boretos

BY E-Mail: lurc@maine.gov and USPS

January 13, 2010

Marcia Spencer Famous
LURC
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

**RE: Comments on Kibby Expansion Wind Power Project on Sisk Mountain,
Franklin County**

Dear Ms. Famous:

I would like to offer the follow comments regarding the Sisk Mountain wind power project proposed by Transcanada requesting review under the expedited permitting area procedure.

1. I fail to see the “*public good interest* “ in expediting a project of this scale other than for political and financial gain for the applicant from federal funding. It is my understanding that this project will not directly serve the people of Maine except for a few jobs.
2. The proposed project consists of the construction of 15 Vesta V90 turbine generators on the ridge line of Sisk Mountain, upgrading existing forestry roads, creating new roadways, installation of collector lines, transmission line to the Kibby Mountain 115KV transmission line and a substation. The application states that there will be 177.9 acres impacted by the project (does this include grade changes through cut and fill?). All of this to be done on a mountain ridge line, steep slopes, and in and through wetland areas, including streams. Viewing a project of this scale on plans is Very different than seeing it on the ground. Has the LURC commissioners been to the Kibby site since the commencement of construction? That should be the first step in considering a new project by the applicant. Has the Kibby site met the environmental conditions in it’s existing permit? What, if any, impacts have occurred to water quality, erosion, and wildlife?
3. The project application states there will be 4.4 acres of wetlands altered. Are there stream crossings? Does the applicant need an Army Corps permit? There is no wetland restoration proposed for the permanent alterations. What types of wetlands are these? Has LURC staff conducted a site inspection of the area proposed for

alteration? The USGS Quad for this area shows perennial slope streams that do not appear on the engineer plans. These should be shown and alteration from crossings, and regarding impacting these areas need to be calculated.

4. The project will impact the state listed Bicknell Thrush's "*general and core habitat*". The turbine noise and human disturbance factor may alter all of the "core habitat" for this species. The applicant should be required to address this. How will the project impact the historical golden eagle nesting habitat, a federally listed species. Construction activities during the nesting season may have an impact on a species such as this. Has the applicant been in communication with the US Fish and Wildlife Service Orono Office regarding this species?
5. Mountain ridge lines can be areas that provide significant wildlife corridors for large roaming predators such as lynx, mountain lion and wolves. Field surveys as to the presence of these species should be required of the applicant as part of the application process. These areas can also have unusual alpine communities.
6. The applicant is proposing significant cut and fill contour changes on the eastern side of turbines T-1, T-2, T-3, and T-12 that will present serious erosion problems, see Sheets C-5, and Sheet C-6. These are steep slopes with a lot of fill added that will not be stabilized by erosion fencing. Engineered concrete headwalls should be required instead to avert erosion problems long term.
7. What type of wetlands appear on the slopes? Has the applicant conducted field investigations for the presence of vernal pools within 200 feet of the proposed project? If not, this should be required prior to the issuance of a permit.

In summary, this is a large, potentially long term impacting project that should not be reviewed by LURC under the Expedited Area Permitting review process. Power generating projects make more sense when they are constructed closer to the energy destination area, not in wilderness areas such as Sisk and Kibby Mountains. I hope that LURC provides the public an opportunity to address the Commission personally on this application at public hearings.

Sincerely,

C. Diane Boretos, PWS
592 East Sangerville Rd.
Sangerville, ME 04479

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Ray Gaudette
118 Tory Hill
Phillips Me 04966