

**Exhibit 23B
Community Outreach and
Pre-Application Meeting with LURC**

1.0 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Champlain has hosted the following community meetings. For each meeting, notice letters were sent to every landowner listed on the tax records, which included direct contact information for Neil Kiely, Project Developer. Copies of those notice letters are included on the following pages.

February 8, 2010: Introductory Meeting at Carroll Plantation Town Offices. Notice letters to sent to every landowner listed on the tax records.

May 22, 2010: Meeting on potential tax impacts held at Carroll Plantation Town Offices followed by general Q&A on the project. Notice letters sent to every landowner listed on the tax records.

July 23, 2010: Open house meeting staffed with internal and external subject matter experts held at Lee Academy in Lee, Maine. Notice letters sent to every landowner listed on the Lakeville tax records which included direct contact information for Neil Kiely. Postcards sent to every landowner listed on the tax records for Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township. Advertisements placed in the Lincoln News (attached) and posters posted at the Smith General Store, the Lakeville Town Offices and the Lakeville Transfer Station.

February 23, 2011. February 23, 2011: Open house meeting staffed with internal and external subject matter experts held at Carroll Town Hall, Carroll Plantation, Maine. Notice letters sent to every landowner listed on the Carroll and Kossuth tax records and included direct contact information for Neil Kiely.

In addition, since January 1, 2010, Champlain has regularly attended Monday night office hours in Carroll Plantation to answer questions from local residents. Neil Kiely also made personal contact with all the property owners in Kossuth within two miles of the project area. Neil Kiely has had numerous conversations with residents in Carroll, Kossuth, and Lakeville as a result of providing his contact information in all letters and notices.

2.0 BRIEFINGS

Champlain has also provided briefings for the following organizations:

- Dwinal Pond ATV Club
- Lakeville ATV Club
- Quad County Snowmobile Club
- Vinegar Hill Owners Association
- Washington County Commissioners
- Penobscot County Commissioners
- Passamaquoddy Governor
- The Nature Conservancy
- Natural Resource Council of Maine
- Maine Audubon Society
- Conservation Law Foundation
- Downeast Lakes Land Trust
- Grand Lake Stream Guide Association
- Lakeville Town Officials
- Bureau of Public Lands

3.0 OTHER

Champlain hosted an information booth and provided tours for local area residents at the Springfield Fair over the Labor Day weekend.



February 8, 2011

Dear Carroll Plantation Property Owner:

I am writing to let you know that pursuant to our plan of developing a wind farm on Bowers Mountain in Carroll Plantation and Dill Hill in Kossuth, Champlain Wind, LLC has submitted a development application to the Land Use Regulation Commission. That application is now being reviewed for completeness by LURC staff. Once it is deemed complete for processing, the general public and persons on the LURC notice list will be notified and informed how they may participate in the review process.

Prior to that, I would like to invite you to an Open House on the project to be held at the Carroll Plantation Town offices on Wednesday, February 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at nkiely@firstwind.com or call me at (207) 210-1590.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil J. Kiely", is written over a large, sweeping blue line that extends from the signature area towards the top right of the page.

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



February 8, 2011


Dear Kossuth Property Owner:

I am writing to let you know that pursuant to our plan of developing a wind farm on Bowers Mountain in Carroll Plantation and Dill Hill in Kossuth, Champlain Wind, LLC has submitted a development application to the Land Use Regulation Commission. That application is now being reviewed for completeness by LURC staff. Once it is deemed complete for processing, the general public and persons on the LURC notice list will be notified and informed how they may participate in the review process.

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Best regards,



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



[DRAFT LAND OWNER NOTICE]

Date

Dear Carroll Plantation Property Owner or Resident

I am writing to invite you to a community meeting regarding the potential development of a wind farm project to be located on Bowers Mountain in Carroll Plantation. The meeting is being sponsored by our company, Champlain Wind, LLC, an affiliate of First Wind Holdings, LLC, to introduce the project to the community.

We are in the process of collecting important technical data about the wind resource on Bowers Mountain and are at the very beginning of the development process, so we are unable to provide detail regarding the potential size and scope of the proposed project. Instead, the purpose of the meeting is to initiate what we hope will be the first step in an open and transparent two-way discussion with the residents of Carroll Plantation during all phases of the project and the development process. The topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

- An Introduction to First Wind
- Why Bowers Mountain?
- Project Benefits
- Permitting Requirements
- Time Frames for Project Stages
- The Community Dialogue Process

Please note that this will be the first of many planned public forums to afford residents the opportunity to learn about the various aspects of wind farm development so that the community will be able to make an informed evaluation of the project.

The meeting is scheduled for February 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Carroll Plantation Town offices. I hope that you will be able to join us. If you will be unable to attend, but would like to be included on an e-mail list or mailing list for any periodic notices or updates, please e-mail me at nkiely@firstwind.com or call me at (207) 210-1590.

Best regards,

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



[DRAFT LAND OWNER NOTICE]

Date

Dear Carroll Plantation Property Owner

As you are aware from my previous correspondence, Champlain Wind, LLC is in the pre-permitting phase of developing a wind farm on Bowers Mountain in Carroll Plantation. We held a community meeting on February 8th at the Town offices to introduce the project to community members.

Since the meeting, we have continued to conduct environmental and engineering feasibility studies. In accordance with those studies, we are developing a preliminary wind turbine array of approximately 25 wind turbines sited over the Bowers Mountain and Dill Hill ridge. To put this number in context, this is approximately half the number of wind turbines currently installed at the Stetson Mountain wind farm located 5-6 miles to the north.

Based on this potential project size, we are in the process of having a third party firm determine the effect such a project might possibly have on the property tax base of Carroll Plantation as well as its possible impact on tax rates.

We would like to invite you to a meeting to be held at the Carroll Plantation Town offices on Saturday May 22nd at 1 p.m. at which a representative of the third party firm will discuss their findings and answer questions regarding potential tax impacts.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at nkiely@firstwind.com or call me at (207) 210-1590.

Best regards,

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



[DRAFT LAND OWNER NOTICE]

Date

Dear Kossuth Property Owner:

I am writing to inform you that our company, Champlain Wind, LLC, is in the pre-permitting phase of the development of a wind farm project that will be partially situated within Kossuth Township. The majority of the project will be located on Bowers Mountain in Carroll Plantation, but a portion of the project as planned will extend onto Dill Hill ridge in Kossuth.

We started to collect wind data last fall and we have continued to conduct environmental and engineering feasibility studies since then. We also have held two community meetings in Carroll Plantation to brief community members about the project.

We recently filed a Petition with the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) to modify the zoning within Kossuth to accommodate the extension of the project into Kossuth. LURC's approval of this Petition would not result in approval of the project, but simply would enable us to submit a consolidated application for the entire project under the LURC review process. If you send me an e-mail, I would be happy to forward you a link to the Petition itself.

Given that the project will now potentially extend into Kossuth, I wanted to provide you with my contact information and invite you to contact me directly with any questions. I also will include you on the invitation list for the additional public meetings we are planning.

My e-mail is nkiely@firstwind.com and my cell phone number is (207) 210-1590.

Best regards,

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



[DRAFT LAND OWNER NOTICE]

Date

Dear _____:

I am writing to inform you that our company, Champlain Wind, LLC, is in the pre-permitting phase of developing a wind energy facility to the north of Lakeville. The majority of the project will be located on Bowers Mountain in Carroll Plantation, but a portion of the project as planned will extend onto Dill Hill ridge in Kossuth Township.

We started to collect wind data last fall and we have continued to conduct environmental and engineering feasibility studies since installation of the meteorological towers. In accordance with those studies, we are developing a preliminary wind turbine array of approximately 25 wind turbines sited over the Bowers Mountain and Dill Hill ridges. To put this number in context, this is approximately half the number of wind turbines currently installed at the Stetson Mountain wind farm located approximately 7-8 miles to the north.

I would like to invite you to an open house that we are hosting for the project on Friday, July 23rd from 3 to 8 p.m. at the gymnasium at Lee Academy in Lee, Maine. We plan to have representatives from First Wind, our consultants, and other third party experts available to provide preliminary information about the project and to answer any questions you might have.

I hope that you will be able to join us at the open house to learn more about the project. If you will be unable to attend but have questions, please feel free to contact me directly. My e-mail is nkiely@firstwind.com and my cell phone number is (207) 210-1590.

Best regards,

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

Come learn about the benefits of wind power, First Wind, and the opportunities for **Bowers Mountain Windfarm.**

First Wind representatives and third parties will be available on **July 23** to speak with you. **Join us!**



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CLEAN ENERGY. MADE HERE.



When: Friday July 23, 2010

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Lee Academy Gymnasium
26 Winn Road
Lee, ME

Refreshments will be served.



Community Open House for Bowers Mountain Windfarm

sponsored by Champlain Wind, LLC.
(affiliation with First Wind)

For more information on First Wind, visit our website at www.firstwind.com

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE
BOWERS MOUNTAIN WIND PROJECT
CHAMPLAIN WIND, LLC
December 10, 2010

AGENDA

1:30 TO 3:30 PM

- INTRODUCTIONS
- UPDATE ON CHAMPLAIN'S PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE EXPEDITED AREA INTO A PORTION OF KOSSUTH TOWNSHIP (approved 12/1/10)(Fred Todd, LURC Project Planner)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Joy Prescott, Project Manager, Stantec)
 - SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION
 - LOCATION, NUMBER OF TURBINS, ETC
 - EFFORTS FOR PUBLIC OUT REACH
 - ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO DATE
- ROUND-TABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS AND ISSUES STATEMENTS (all)
- WRAP-UP AND VERBAL SUMMARY (Fred and Joy)

From: [Todd, Fred](#)
To: [Rocque, David](#); [Waddell, David A](#); [Timpano, Steve](#); Shawn.B.Mahaney@usace.army.mil; [Stearns, Alan](#); Wende_mahaney@fws.gov; [Cameron, Don S.](#); [Caron, Mark](#); [Spiess, Arthur](#); [Tannenbaum, Mitchell](#); Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil; Dennis.Jeff@econdvbus@yahoo.com; barbv@penobscot-county.net; ut@washingtoncountymaine.com; manager@washingtoncountymaine.com
Cc: [Prescott, Joy](mailto:Prescott.Joy@verrilldana.com); jbrowne@verrilldana.com; [Horn-Olsen, Samantha](#); [Spencer-Famous, Marcia](#); [Carroll, Catherine M.](#); GWest@firstwind.com; NKiely@firstwind.com
Subject: Pre-application meeting for Bowers Mtn wind power project
Date: Friday, November 19, 2010 2:53:50 PM
Attachments: [Bowers Project Map 111910.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Dear Agency Reviewers:

We anticipate receiving an application for a wind energy development in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township in the coming weeks. The project is referred to as Bowers Mountain, and the developer is Champlain, a First Wind affiliate. We have scheduled a pre-application meeting for Friday, December 10, 2010 at 1:30 PM at the Department of Conservation, Harlow bldg first floor conference room in Augusta - if you need directions, let me know. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. I realize some of you indicated you were not available, but I copied you in the event your plans change.

Joy Prescott, project manager from Stantec, has prepared a brief project description below along with an attached project map. If you have any questions, please contact me. If you direct any questions to Joy, please copy me. As I only work part-time (usually the latter part of the week) it is best to contact me by email which I can retrieve from home.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

Frederick W. Todd, Project Planner
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fred.todd@maine.gov

From: Prescott, Joy [mailto:joy.prescott@stantec.com]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Todd, Fred
Cc: Neil Kiely; Geoff West; jbrowne@verrilldana.com
Subject: Bowers Project Description and Map
Importance: High

Fred – Thanks for working to schedule the pre-application for Bowers on December 10. Please let me know once you determine if it will be in the morning or afternoon. Below is a project description that you can share with invitees. If they have any questions, or would like other information, they can certainly give me a call. Also attached is a map showing the key project elements.

Bowers Mountain Wind Project Description

Champlain Wind, LLC, plans to submit an application to LURC for construction of the Bowers Wind Project, a utility-scale wind energy facility to be located in Carroll Plantation,

Penobscot County, and in Kossuth Township, Washington County (*see attached figure*). The Bowers Wind Project will include 27 turbines, associated access roads, up to three permanent 80-meter meteorological towers, a 34.5-kilovolt electrical collector system, an electrical collection substation, and an Operations and Maintenance building.

The project will be constructed on three ridges in the project area: Bowers Mountain and an unnamed ridge to the south in Carroll Plantation, and Dill Hill in Kossuth Township. The electrical collector line will travel north for approximately 5 miles towards a proposed substation located adjacent to Line 56, an existing transmission corridor owned by First Wind.

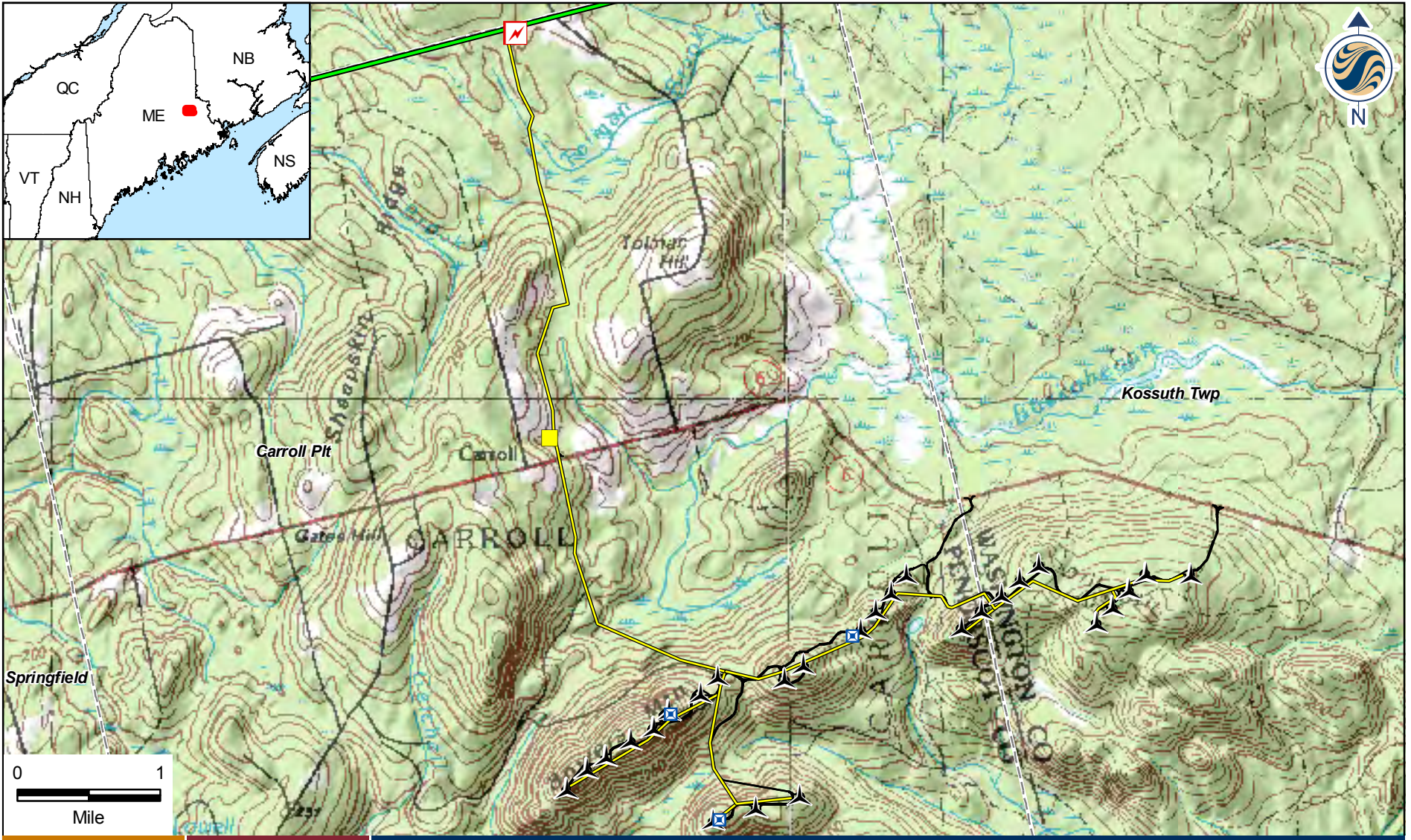
Thanks. We look forward to meeting with you on December 10.

- Joy

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Legend

- Proposed Turbine Layout
- Bowers Temporary MET Tower
- Proposed Substation
- Proposed O&M Building Location
- Proposed Collector Corridor
- Existing Line 56
- Proposed Civil Design

Client/Project
 Bowers Mountain Wind Project
 Carroll Plt. and Kossuth TWP, Maine

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Bowers Project Map
 November, 2010

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