From:	Robert Judd
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	BOWERS MOUNTAIN WIND PROJECT: DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 2:24:20 PM

Mr Todd:

I am writing you today to encourage LURC to stand by its previous decision on the proposed Bowers Mountain wind energy project, reached after extensive research and full consideration of all pertinent facts.

I strongly recomend that LURC deny the current request of the project applicant to get a second bite at the apple by withdrawing the application that failed and resubmitting a modified version. Sorry, but it is unreasonable for the developer to expect that LURC will or should move the goalposts to soothe the applicant's frustration and disappointment.

The credibility of the LURC process is being tested here. If it bends to intense pressure from the applicant instead of standing firmly behind the justifiable and intelligent decision that has already been made, many will question its integrity and its independence.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Judd
Lubec, Washington County

From:	DAVID MILLER
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Larry Dunphy
Subject:	Bower"s Mountain
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 7:38:13 PM

Mr. Todd

I am writing to ask that the LURC Commissioners stand behind their decision regarding the denial of the Bowers Mountain DP4889 application. Please do not allow them (First Wind) to be reconsidered by re-submitting the application at a later date.

The denial was was the decision that should stand.
We the citizens of Maine should not be treated this way.

Corporate greed and political demands should not over ride the desires of the citizenry. Are we not "The United States of America" where we the people rule?

Respectfully Submitted,
David Miller
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From:	KC Molatch
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers DP4889
Date:	Thursday, November 10, 2011 5:03:51 PM

Dear Mr. Todd:

I am writing today in support of LURC's recent decision to deny the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 wind project.

I understand that there is movement to have the application withdrawn and resubmitted. Please do NOT allow this to happen. LURC has undertaken all the work, and Maine taxpayers have born the expense involved in processing this application in order to arrive at this decision.

The work has been done in good faith by LURC, and the decision was arrived at following due process. It's not like First Wind has never submitted an application for a wind farm! Please do not allow circumvention to take place, thus invalidating LURC's position, adding to the cost of doing business for Maine taxpayers, and generally evincing favoritism. Let's get on with it. First Wind has far more projects approved than they can currently handle. LURC has a responsibility to see how the approved projects play out for those areas affected by industrial wind, and to evaluate these projects and their real-time impact before allowing wholesale development across the state with hereto unknown consequences.

It's about time that big business is made to tote the same load that small grass-roots organizations do in their efforts to present all sides of a development issue. LURC must stand up and represent not only the laws of the State of Maine, but the principals of being unbiased and objective. The integrity of the decision that has been reached must not be tarnished.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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"When the flush of a new-born sun fell on Eden's green and gold,
Our father Adam sat under the tree and scratched with a stick in the mould;
And the first rude sketch that the world had seen was joy to his mighty heart,
Til the Devil whispered behind the leaves, "It's pretty. But is it Art?"

--Rudyard Kipling

From: clydemacdonald
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain Project
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011 10:24:55 AM

Most of the people affected by rural wind power projects have modest modest incomes, and/or have to work to earn their livings. Delays and re-hearings play into the strengthts of the multi-million dollar corporations. We may hope that the majority LURC commissioners will stick by their decision on the Bowers Mountain project.

Although I am greatly disappointed by LURC's record in approving every one of the other applications, I do have faith that people can learn and that as they learn more about the enormous shortcomings of wind power, more and more Commissioners will see that they have been sanctioning the destruction of mountainsides in order to provide Maine and other rate-payers with an unneeded, expensive and unreliable source of electric power. Clyde MacDonald

From:	rrand
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; Cornell Du Houx, RepAlex; Stan1340@aol.com
Subject:	Bowers Mountain/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:22:08 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I am writing to urge you and the LURC Commissioners to move forward with a full and absolute denial of the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application at your December 7, 2011 meeting.

This is the unanimous decision that the LURC Commissioners made at their last meeting. This is the decision made public. This is the decision that LURC should stand behind.

I understand that First Wind, through their chief counsel Juliet Browne (who is also the wife of State Representative John Hink, who sits on the Legislature's Energy/Utilities/Technology Committee), may be attempting to circumvent LURC procedure by withdrawing the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application and resubmitting later. The legal and lobbying pressure on LURC's Commissioners could be enormous. I ask you and the LURC Commissioners to stand firm.

Again, I ask you and the LURC commissioners to uphold the decision made public on the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application. Reject any attempts, overt or covert, by First Wind to subvert State law and the established LURC rules and procedures. Reject a "withdrawal for resubmittal" or any other improper manipulation of the Bowers/DP4889 application.

Please move forward with a full and absolute denial of the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application at your December 7, 2011 meeting, consistent with your standing unanimous decision.

Thank you kindly,
Rob

--
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From:	Kate Donohoe
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers wind project
Date:	Thursday, November 10, 2011 12:49:28 PM

Hello, Fred.

I am writing to request that Lurc's denial of the bowers wind application be left as is. The resubmission of yet another application is yet another waste of time and money. You are in control. Please remain in control and prove to the people of maine that you can not be manipulated.

Thanks.

Kathleen AE Donohoe
Dark Horse Farm
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Eastbrook, ME
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207.460.1151

From: Greg Perkins
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 8:03:56 AM

Dear Fred -

As I sat in my office last evening, I stared at a photo of my high school state championship basketball team taken when I was a freshman in high school. My sister recently gave it to me as a gift. The photo was taken immediately after state of Maine small schools championship game in 1963 and appeared the next morning on the front page of the Waterville Morning Sentinel. We were holding the gold ball.

I was also contemplating, head spinning, about what transpired yesterday with the Bowers Wind Power Project. Once again, a wind power developer would not accept the will of a review agency, its staff or commission.
Back to my office. Obviously, when the team photograph was taken, all of us were in high spirits. We had defeated a rival team all made possible by a season of hard work, a little luck, and always playing by the rules. The score was 101-99 and we had won on a goal scored in the very last second of the game. The ball was stolen at the opponent's end of the court. Our speedy guard, an excellent ball handler, dribbled swiftly to our goal and laid the ball off the backboard. The buzzer sounded as the ball was still bouncing around on the rim and then fell through the hoop. It was a "Cinderella"moment for sure, and the excitement and joy shows on our faces in the photograph.

My thoughts then turned to possible alternative outcomes of that game as I compared it with what is now happening with First Wind and their application.
I envisioned this. Our championship game is tied with only 30 seconds left on the clock. The coach from the opposing team calls a timeout and walks onto the floor to talk with an official. After a short conversation, the official takes center court and announces that the game has been suspended and will be replayed at a later date.

Under this bizarre scenario, the home team would have the option of suspending any game at any time before the last second of the contest and would decide when it would be replayed. There would be no limit on how many times a particular game could be re-played.
I thought again about the photograph and realized that if high school competition rules were similar to the current LURC policy, it wouldn't be sitting on my file cabinet and perhaps never would have been taken. I wondered about how a small change like that would have impacted the culture of the small village where I grew up – probably not much – day to day life would have gone on with maybe a little disappointment.

However, the changes that will be made in the down east watershed may be nothing short

of an environmental disaster and a heartbreak that marks the beginning of the end of a way of life and a culture of small village in Maine. Those down east folks have one intention - to make a living at sharing with others the unspoiled beauty of one of Maine's most precious landscapes.

Exuberance, like that created by the "rush" of the wind industry, can result in short sightedness, and short sightedness can lead to cultural and ecological devastations that may be irreversible. We don't know if that will happen because we can't see ahead to the future. However, wouldn't it be better to know that we would never have to look back and ask, "What were we thinking?"
Unlike the basketball scenario, let's imagine that the rules remain firm, First Wind doesn't get a chance to re-play their game**,** and we are all fortunate enough to never have to take that photograph.

Greg Perkins - Holden, Maine

From:	Mike
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 10:23:24 PM

Hello from Lincoln

Please do not allow the lawyers for FirstWind to play their games with the Bowers application. The West Grand area should never have been in the expedited zone in the first place. That it was included makes me think nobody did their homework.

The Bowers project cannot help but affect the area negatively. However the developers rearrange anything, it will all be in sight of areas of state , national, and world significance. I have talked to visitors from all over at Grand Lake Stream.

LURC made the right decision and the straw vote should stand. The new commissioners need to educate themselves quickly on the wind cabals' tactics and I hope they are familiar with the Downeast lakes.

Thank you and thanks to the commissioners.

Sincerely, Mike DiCenso www.friendsoflincolnlakes.org

From:	Nancy Wahlstrom
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	catherin.m.carroll@maine.gov; Governor
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:22:50 PM

PLEASE deny First wind's request to withdraw their application. Please stand your ground and move forward with a full and absolute denial of the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application at your December 7, 2011meeting. This is the decision that the Commissioners made at their last meeting. This is the decision that they made public. This is the decision that they should stand behind.

Nancy Wahlstrom

From:	drummond
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; Representative Larry Dunphy; Senator Rod Whittemore
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Thursday, November 10, 2011 6:34:42 AM

Dear Sir;
I felt much encouraged after reading of LURC's denial of the Bowers Mountain wind project. After joining the fight against the industrial development of Maine's precious rural countryside I'm afraid I have learned more than I ever wanted to know about how state government works. It frightens and disheartens me to find out what little impact we citizens have on government rules as most of us are occupied with making a living and don't have the ability to spend our days working through the political maze that corporations, special interest politics, and non-profits pay people to do.
We can't afford to give up what makes Maine so special. Our undeveloped land, scenic panoramas, and wild areas that LURC is chosen to protect, count for more than industrial wind, which is not reducing carbon emissions, is costing taxpayers too much, and will be technologically useless in a very few years.
Please stand your ground and move forward with a full and absolute denial of the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application at your December 7, 2011 meeting.

Patrice Drummond

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From:	Maryann John
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; senator@kevinraye.com; McFadden, RepHoward
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Thursday, November 10, 2011 2:21:48 PM

Dear LURC Commissioners,
I have followed your efforts in regulating industrial wind facilities in the areas that come under your purview. You have brought thoughtfulness, experience, and intelligence to your work. Even if I have not always agreed with your decisions, I have respected your efforts and time in making them. I wish the independent towns had a "LURC" to sort through all the information and make an informed decision on the wind projects that come before them.
Now you have decided to deny an application put forward by First Wind for the Bowers Mountain project. And now I learn that First Wind has made their own decision---they don't like your decision and want to change the rules to get a new decision. After all the meetings and all the hearings, First Wind's lawyers want to extend their deadline and re-submit another application?!? I can hardly believe their disrespect for the process and the efforts of all involved thusfar. They lost this one fair and square. You have done your job but First Wind won't let it rest. With lawyers and money, First Wind thinks they can prevail. Please prove them wrong. Please continue to protect the resources of the people of Maine. Please stick with your decision to deny the Bowers Mountain project on December 7th.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Mary Ann John
Eastbrook

From:	Rick Harris
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 4:35:24 PM

Dear Fred,

Please stand firm for the people of Maine and our unorganized territories in denial of Bowers Mountain / Dp4889 application.

Maine does not need to be controlled be big powers such as the wind industry. The beauty of Maine's land will be destroyed for the short term, to fill the wallets of the greedy.

Thank you,

Rick Harris

Fairfield

From:	DAP/GAK
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:58:39 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

In light of the recent attempt by First Wind and its attorneys to circumnavigate the LURC decision to deny the Bowers Mtn permit by requesting that they be allowed to withdraw their application and resubmit a modified application at a later date, I am imploring LURC to stand their ground and move forward with a full and absolute denial of the Bowers Mountain/DP4889 application at the scheduled December 7, 2011meeting.

First Wind's proposed project is undeniably bad, and the choice has been determined. This is the decision that the Commissioners made at their last meeting. This is the decision that they made public and it is a decision that they should stand behind. Most importantly, this is a decision that is right for the State of Maine and the beautiful and irreplaceable Downeast Lakes region.

Please refuse First Wind's request to resubmit a modified application for the Bowers Mtn project.

Sincerely,
Grace Keown
227 Simpson Corner Rd.
Dixmont, ME 04932
207-234-2243

"Let us fight to free the world, to do away with national barriers, do away with greed, with hate and intolerance. Let us fight for a world of reason, a world where science and progress will lead to all men's happiness." Charlie Chaplin

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
M. Mead

From:	Donna Davidge
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:54:54 PM

Please stand strong and firm on your decision to deny First Wind the Bowers project

you did the right thing

Donna Davidge
Island Falls Maine

From:	Nadianichols
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; governor@maine.govekenneth.c.fletcher@maine.gov
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 1:40:05 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I would like to thank LURC for denying First Wind's twenty-seven turbine Bowers Mountain project north west of Grand Lakes Stream. Now I am asking you to stand your ground. You have made the right decision for the State of Maine, and First Wind should accept it and move on, not try to withdraw their application and resubmit it at a later date.

Tourism has propped Maine up for well over a century and will continue to do so only as long as we remain responsible stewards of this beautiful state. Before we sacrifice our mountains and ridge lines to industrialization, Mainers deserve to see some real scientific proof that industrial wind will provide cheap reliable power, reduce CO2 levels, and wean us off foreign oil. Due to aggressive lobbyists pushing for their multinational conglomerate clients, this has never been done for the wind industry. They've never had to prove any of their claims.

At First Wind's recent presentation to the Maine Tourism board, they circulated a picture of a giant wind installation covering the Kansas landscape and proudly proclaimed to the attendees that Maine could look like this, too. Clearly First Wind doesn't have a clue how special Maine is, nor do they care. They are in this for the money.

If money is truly the number one concern — not people's health, not property values, not the killing of wildlife, not climate change, not whether there is any benefit to us as a society, why jeopardize the 170,000 full time jobs and ten billion in goods and services that tourism currently provides? Stick to your guns, LURC, and we'll stand behind you to protect Maine's quality of place and long term economic prosperityfor future generations.

Sincerely,
Penelope R Gray
Registered Maine Master Guide
Harraseeket Inn
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Freeport, Maine 04032

From:	John Droz, jr.
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	catherin.m.carroll@maine.gov; governor@maine.gove; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 12:27:08 PM

Mr. Todd, et al:

Please deny the applicant the option of withdrawing and then resubmitting. This is gaming the system and should not be acceptable.

Sincerely.

john droz, jr.
physicist & environmental advocate

From: Alice Barnett
To: Todd, Fred
Cc: Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; gempaint@yahoo.com
Subject: Bowers/DP4889
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011 6:03:34 PM
Attachments: Bowers111011.rtf

Please open attached. ty amb

November 2011

P.O. Box 588

Carthage, Me. 04224

DP 4889 Champlainn Wind LLC, Bowers Wind Project

Hello, My name is Alice McKay Barnett, a Maine Artist.

I received a copy of a rquest for "withdrawal" from the applicant's lawyer, Juliette Brown. She writes of her concerns of the evolution in Visual Impact Standard. She concedes that user surveys are elevated to a requirement.

Juliette Brown should consider that 337 people testified **against** Bowers wind Project. The 34 testimonies **for** the project were mostly paid employees of First Wind and working partners, ie. Reed and Reed , etc. The testimonies concerning impacts of the project is, in fact, a survey. Another poll 7/6/2011 BDN showed 251 votes **against** the project with 20 votes in **favor**. Another survey.

Another concern for people traveling through Maine is that the turbines are an adverse impact in our mountainous regions. Route 17 in Roxbury Maine meanders along rivers and over ridges. A traveler crosses over ridges and is visually assaulted by 400+ foot turbines, closer than the eight mile limit. Driving through Lincoln to Lee and Junior Lake travelers have the same encounters. The original 8 mile limit is challenged by red, strobing lights and proximaty of state highways.

I object to a "withdrawal" of Bowers Wind Project. A "denial" is protecting Maine's landscapes.

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p.s. I spent over 200 dollars to personally testify against the destruction of Maine's ridges in June at Lincoln Maine..

From:	Harry Roper
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Governor
Subject:	Deny permit for Bowers Mountain - DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 12:59:10 PM

Dear Mr. Todd – LURC did the right thing when it voted unanimously to deny a permit to First Wind's Bowers Mountain wind farm. I hope LURC will stick to that decision and refuse outright any request from First Wind to withdraw or re-submit the permit application. "No" should be "no" – end of story.
Thank you
Harrison Roper
35 high St. Houlton, ME 04730
207-532-3797

From:	Friends of Maine"s Mountains
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Chris O"Neil; Rand Stowell; Karen Pease; Cathy Mattson
Subject:	FMM Objects to Bowers requests
Date:	Saturday, November 12, 2011 8:32:19 AM
Attachments:	Bowers -- FMM letter 11.10.2011.doc

Please see the attached letter from FMM objecting to the developer's recent requests regarding the Bowers Wind project.

Thank you.

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November 10, 2011

Fred Todd
LURC Project Planner, DP 4889
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Todd;

I write in response to the request by Champlain Wind, LLC who have asked permission to withdraw their permit application for the Bowers wind development while they "reconfigure" the proposed project. We object. The applicant also requested permission to address the Commission at the December 7, 2011 meeting in Lincoln. We object to that also. Additionally, Champlain Wind LLC, assuming the role of administrator, took the liberty of *agreeing to extend the deadline* by which LURC must make a decision on the application. We object on this third issue.

The Maine Wind Energy Act mandates strict time constraints under which regulatory agencies must work when applications for grid-scale wind facilities are submitted.

> **(1)** Except as provided in subparagraph (2), the commissioner shall issue a decision on an application for an expedited wind energy development within… 270 days of the department's acceptance of the application if the commissioner holds a hearing on the application pursuant to section 345-A, subsection 1-A.

The expedited clock began ticking on the Bowers application on March 14, 2011, when it was deemed to be complete and was accepted for processing. LURC subsequently agreed to hold a public hearing, thereby setting the maximum time-table for reaching a decision at 270 days, per statute. By October 5, 2011, all evidence had been submitted and closing arguments were made.

That bears repeating: ***Champlain Wind delivered its closing arguments on October 5, 2011***. At its October 19, 2011 meeting, LURC instructed staff (Samantha Horn-Olsen) to prepare a deny order in preparation for the Commissioners' final vote, slated for their regular monthly meeting on December 7, 2011. December 7th is day 268 of the 270 days allowed.

Friends of Maine's Mountains (FMM) urges the Commission to deny the applicant's new requests. The wind industry lobbied for the Wind Energy Act. Champlain Wind, LLC's lead attorney, Juliet Browne, sat on the Wind Energy Task Force, which designed LD2283, the bill which became the "Act" after its passage. The abbreviated time-frame in this law resulted from the wind lobby's complaints that *citizens* were causing delays in the permitting process. It is laughable that the developer is now seeking a longer time-frame because it is not working in the developer's favor.

Despite its apparent belief to the contrary, the applicant does not make policy. While we recognize that the Commissioner…

> **(2)** *may* stop the processing time with the consent of the applicant for a period of time agreeable to the commissioner and the applicant (emphasis added)

…FMM urges the Commission to consider the length of time this process has already taken and consider the fact that the *all aspects and portions of the permitting process have been completed*, save the final decision.
We ask that you also consider the opponents in this case. Citizens and intervenors have expended vast resources in defending their positions. While the developer can issue an Initial Public Offering to raise money for such proceedings, individuals and citizens' groups hold bake sales. Many of the seasonal residents and tax-payers have returned to their winter homes. The need to travel back to Maine due to an extension of this application process will cause them undue hardship and expense.

The application was processed according to law. Champlain Wind LLC has had months--and in fact, *years*—in which to formulate its case. It has employed capable attorneys, experts, consultants and support staff. We feel that it would be a blatant deviation from a fair and impartial due process if LURC allows the developer to withdraw with the intent

to revise at the eleventh hour. It is apparent that the applicant is preparing--and getting into the record--the points it intends to make upon appeal. FMM urges LURC to continue on its charted course. Deny the permit as previously decided and allow the applicant to proceed to file an appeal--if that is the course it chooses.

If the Commission allows the applicant to make an oral presentation during the December 7th meeting, FMM requests that Intervenors be allowed the same privilege. In addition, the applicant must not be allowed to reserve additional opportunity for rebuttal after the Intervenors speak, as was allowed during closing statements on October 5th. The time has passed when the applicant can be allowed special indulgences or privileges.

The applicant maintained it has two "compelling" reasons which justify its request to withdraw. Ms. Browne states that, during the pendency of the proceeding there was uncertainty expressed about the application of the scenic impact standard, as well as dissatisfaction regarding user and "intercept' surveys. Despite this argument, no move was made to withdraw the application once the developer became aware of these issues. Rather, Champlain Wind LLC sat back and awaited LURC's decision; only making these issues a priority once it was evident the permit was scheduled for denial. The record is the record, and the applicant accepts a level of jeopardy in creating that record.

The developer, beyond its authority, also deemed that it had some influence regarding the make-up (and decision-making ability) of the Commission. FMM is astounded at the audacity of the applicant. Champlain Wind LLC claimed that "during deliberations, at least one of the four commissioners indicated that he supported approval, but would defer to his colleagues…" The applicant now attempts to convince LURC that—had this one Commissioner voted the way he was inclined to vote—the decision would be tantamount to no decision.

Wind developers applying for permits in Unorganized Territories have an advantage not granted by other regulatory or decision-making bodies in Maine. In a jury trial—whether in criminal or civil court—the panel of adjudicators deliberates *in private.* In municipal arenas, executive session is often employed, so that decision-makers can discuss sensitive issues without being influenced by observers. While FMM is an advocate of transparency, in reality allowing the public to witness deliberations far in advance of the final decision gives an applicant the upper hand by indicating the areas wherein their application is deficient. And as has been proven by recent experience, these early public deliberations can result in a corruption of the process.

Ms. Browne attempted to convince the Commission that allowing her withdrawal and extending the time in which to make a decision "will not prejudice the parties." But unless LURC intends to grant another public hearing and allow adequate time for intervenors and interested parties to consult with experts regarding their "reconfigured" application, there will be prejudice. Unless LURC allows sufficient time to contact all the citizens who have commented or otherwise been involved in the application process for the Bowers project, there will absolutely be prejudice.

Friends of Maine's Mountains requests that LURC stay the course. The decision has been made to vote upon a deny order. Based upon LURC's deliberations, that deny order will be upheld on December 7. The developer has the right to appeal a deny order and has in fact, laid the groundwork to do so with its letter of November 8, 2011. No matter their arguments, a reconfiguring of the project will not change the record, which shows that *scenic impact cannot be mitigated*. LURC has made the right decision and should feel proud that the beautiful Downeast Lakes watershed will be protected from such high impact industrial development in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris O'Neil, President
Friends of Maine's Mountains

(1) http://www.mainelegislature.org/ros/LOM/lom123rd/123S1/PUBLIC661.asp
(2) http://www.mainelegislature.org/ros/LOM/lom123rd/123S1/PUBLIC661_ptB.asp

From: Carroll, Catherine M.
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: FW: First Wind--Trying To Pull A Fast One
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011 3:28:19 PM

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ross, Gale
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 1:33 PM
To: Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject: FW: First Wind--Trying To Pull A Fast One

Catherine,

FYI,

Gale

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-----Original Message-----
From: Governor
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 1:29 PM
To: Ross, Gale
Subject: FW: First Wind--Trying To Pull A Fast One

Good afternoon - FYI

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-----Original Message-----
From: David P. Corrigan [mailto:david@realwindinfoforme.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 12:17 PM
To: maineguide@live.com
Subject: First Wind--Trying To Pull A Fast One

Hi Folks,

We have a problem. First Wind is useing underhanded tactics to try to game the system and make an end run around LURCs decission to deny their Bowers Permit.

The LURC Commissioners have already committed themselves to killing this project, but the First Wind lawyers, well connected to powerful politicians, are trying to change the rules.

If this denial stands, it will be the first time in Maine, and possibly in the world, that First Wind has been told "NO" on a permit application! They can't stand that possibility, and they are pulling out all the stops to change the outcome.

We need your help. Please read my latest posting. And then PLEASE write just ONE email, and send it to the addresses that I have posted. That's all it takes. If we all stand together, LURC will be forced to do the right thing. But if we falter now, they may well give in to the powerful wind lobby.

Your email could change the history of Maine. Remember the old saying : "As goes Maine, so goes the Nation."

Plese see this posting, and please write that letter.

http://realwindinfoforme.com/blog/first-wind-trying-to-pull-a-fast-one/

Let's flood their inbox with comments, so they are forced to do the right thing.

Time is short--Please do it now.

Thank You.

DC

As always, if you know someone who would like to see these updates, please forward it on, or send me their address to be added to the list. And if you would prefer not to receive these updates, just let me know.

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From:	Alan Michka
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject:	First Wind request to withdraw DP4889
Date:	Thursday, November 10, 2011 10:16:51 PM

Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
Board of Commissioners
Gwen Hilton, Chair
18 Elkins Lane
Augusta, ME 04333

Chair Hilton,

I have recently become aware that First Wind (aka Champlain Wind LLC) has petitioned the Commission to allow withdrawal of its permit application, DP4889, for the Bowers Mt. wind project.

Having experienced this type of gamesmanship with Highland Wind LLC in May of this year, I am particularly interested in this request. I am concerned that a pattern is developing among applicants for grid-scale wind energy projects in the Commission's jurisdiction. It appears that applicants are willing to continue to participate in the permitting process only as long as they are reasonably certain that their permit application will be granted.

In May, 2010, I sent a letter on behalf of Friends of the Highland Mountains (FHM), to the Commission urging the commissioners to deny Highland Wind's request to withdraw their permit application, DP4862. Though I sympathize with the Commission's difficult position in these situations - and respect its decisions - I fear that a troubling precedent was set in its decision to grant Highland Wind's request. This developing pattern of applicant abuse of the permitting process must be stopped before it becomes standard practice. It must not go without mention that this very permitting process was largely crafted by the industry that is now abusing it.

In the letter submitted by FHM, it was pointed out that the casual withdrawal from the process, when the process no longer favors the applicant, is an unfair treatment of intervenors presenting an opposing view of the permit application. As you must certainly know, participation in the public hearing process is an exhausting and expensive proposition for anyone. Consider that in the case of wind development permit applications, opposing intervenors are likely to be rural citizens for whom the expense of participation alone is almost prohibitive. The time expenditure required is almost equally prohibitive for people who have significant job, family and community responsibilities. Mounting multiple oppositions in multiple public hearings over what is essentially the same project can very nearly eliminate, or at least dampen the public's participation in these cases. It is not lost on many of us that this might, in fact, be part of the applicants' motivation to withdraw. FHM lost, literally, thousands of dollars when Highland Wind was allowed to withdraw from the permitting process just because it was no longer comfortable with the manner in which its case was proceeding. This put FHM at a distinct disadvantage in the event of a future application from Highland Wind or one of the other developers threatening our communities.

I urge the commissioners to deny First Wind's request to withdraw. Furthermore, I urge the commissioners to deny First Wind's request to delay the Commission's decision on DP4889. Granting First Wind's request will perpetuate this type of behavior by applicants seeking grid-scale wind development permits. Subsequently, it will serve to handicap those persons who are willing to bear the burden of defending their community or their interests in a public forum before the commission. This would have an unfortunate chilling effect on public participation.

I trust that this Board of Commissioners will make the right decision and nip this abusive practice in the bud.

As always, thank you for your service.

Respectfully,

Alan Michka
Lexington Twp.

From:	Len Greaney
To:	Todd, Fred; Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Cc:	Governor; John Patrick; Matt Peterson
Subject:	LURC Action regarding the First Wind Plea
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:53:48 PM

Dear Sir

As a former Rumford Town Manager I have been exposed, for over three years, to the FIRST WIND LLC political mischief that seems to have no bounds. Their recent request to 'withdraw' their permit application for the Bowers Wind project should be found to be unacceptable AFTER the LURC organization DENIED their request based on Maine law.

I'm certain you will agree that it's important to sustain a clear approval/denial process to ensure that a proper history of Maine Wind Energy Projects is transparent to the public. To allow the First Wind LLC to reset their 'inconvenient' application oversights is NOT for the LURC organization to accommodate. I believe the DENIAL should stand as a ***recorded*** permit application failure on the part of the Wind Energy developer. The First Wind LLC can always resubmit a modified application but not in a way to disregard the history of the current DENIAL.

Respectfully

Len Greaney
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Rumford, Maine 04276

From:	Karen
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Regarding First Wind"s request to withdraw Bowers permit application
Date:	Tuesday, November 08, 2011 4:58:10 PM
Attachments:	Bowers withdrawal-KPease.doc

Hi Fred.

I guess you probably figured you'd be hearing from me today....

Attached is a letter in response to First Wind's request to withdraw their Bowers permit application.

Thanks for all you do.
Kaz

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November 8, 2011

Fred Todd
Land Use Regulation Commission
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Fred;

As a citizen of Maine, I am writing this letter is in response to the request LURC has received from First Wind's attorney, Juliet Browne, of Verrill Dana LLP. In regards to FW's (Champlain Wind LLC's) permit application #DP4889 for the Bowers Wind Project, Ms. Browne "respectfully requests that (First Wind) be allowed to withdraw its application for the purpose of reconfiguring the project..."

The applicant also generously offers to "extend the deadline for the Commission to issue a final decision...through January, 2012..."

Confronted with an imminent "deny" decision, the applicant is playing fast and loose with the state's resources and is gaming the system. Juliet Browne was a member of former Governor Baldacci's wind task force which designed LD 2283, the so-called "expedited wind permitting law"—aka the "Maine Wind Energy Act". Due to the passage of this law, citizens in 2/3 of the state of Maine have been disenfranchised. Our communities were rezoned without our input, and our right to "have a say" was sharply curtailed. In addition, citizens were suddenly required to abide by a law wherein a tight time-frame was mandated in which our regulatory agencies must make decision on wind development applications. DEP and LURC must 'expedite' these applications, and deny or approve within 6 months if there is no public hearing; and within 9 months if a public hearing is granted. **You** have no options, and the **public** has no option—**we** must abide by the law. And yet, First Wind, a company from another state, is graciously granting a Maine state agency an extension of time?

The unmitigated gall!

I have never been in favor of LURC's taking of a 'straw vote', as (in my opinion) it is an invitation for an unscrupulous developer to do exactly what First Wind is doing. It gives them a 'heads up' that they are not going to receive their permit and opens up this new avenue in an already difficult and expensive process. Ms. Browne's tactics were somewhat successful when she pulled this same rigmarole for Trans-Canada in the Sisk application process in the summer of 2010. After taking a straw vote wherein Commissioners voted to deny the project, LURC later proceeded to approve an altered application for Sisk. Whether or not the process was properly administered is now under debate and LURC and Maine citizens are waiting for a Law Court verdict on the appeal of that decision.

While I am not a fan of the Wind Energy Act, I (and each Maine citizen) have been obliged to abide by it until such a time as it is repealed. First Wind and every wind developer looking to build grid-scale wind energy plants in this state must do the same.

They cannot have it both ways. They cannot expect to benefit from their own law when it suits them; but then bend those rules, or expect special dispensation when that same law works against them.

I urge you to deny Ms. Browne's request to withdraw First Wind's application. Additionally, I urge you to send a strong message to the developer. LURC is not theirs to manipulate, nor is the DEP. And our laws must be obeyed, whether they work as the wind industry planned, or not. If First Wind would like to lead the charge in repealing the Wind Energy Act, with its tight time constraints and less stringent standards for development, many Maine citizens will step forward to offer them their support. Until that time, they'll have to play by the rules they set in motion.

If First Wind is allowed to withdraw from this lengthy process at a point where it has almost reached its conclusion, you will do a huge disservice to the people of Maine. And if you allow withdrawal and First Wind is allowed to reapply for a wind project permit in Carroll Plantation or Kossuth Township in the future, I urge LURC to require an additional application fee of $100,000.00 above and beyond that fee which is normally required. Intervenors such as PPDLW have spent tens of thousands of dollars opposing this project, and that money was raised one dollar at a time by individuals who were committed to doing what they believed was right—and who were constrained by the Wind Energy Act's mandates and stipulations in how they could oppose the project. Additionally, the hundreds of citizens who took part in this process must be reimbursed, as well. Many Mainers lost several days' pay, and spent money for gas, food and lodging as they traveled to the various LURC meetings and public hearings. We do not have the resources that large corporations such as First Wind have, and if this developer is going to be allowed to game the system, they must pay for the privilege. They must reimburse the People of Maine.

First Wind lost. The system is designed so that those who are unhappy with a decision have the right to appeal. I request that LURC Commissioners not allow themselves to be swayed by the applicant. I urge LURC Commissioners to stand firm and sign a decision document on December 7, 2011, denying First Wind's Bowers Mt. permit.

Ms. Browne can appeal LURC's decision in the very same way Maine citizens can, or she can recommend that her client move on, recognizing that Bowers is one of those places in Maine which is worthy of being protected from industrial development.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Pease
Lexington Twp., Maine

From:	Bob Goldman
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Stick with the NO to Bowers/DP4889, for Maine
Date:	Thursday, November 10, 2011 1:27:36 AM

To the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission:
I heartily applaud your unanimous denial of the completely inappropriate Bowers Mountains industrial wind scheme.

It is very clearly the wrong project in the wrong place and each of you did exactly the right thing for Bowers Mountain, for Maine and all Mainers by saying NO to First Wind, NOT HERE, NOT THIS TIME. PERIOD.

It is a harsh slap in the face to LURC, the intervenors, concerned residents and all other interested parties who have followed the rules, that First Wind once again cannot accept a NO with some measure of dignity and respect for anyone else, including most of all, the will of the people you represent, the citizens of Maine.

I am urging LURC to stand firm and say NO to First Wind's sickening, manipulative and completely disrespectful game of withdraw and re-submit. It is a childish and dangerous game that makes a mockery of effective governance in this state, which is supposed to function fairly and honestly, on behalf of the citizens of Maine. Each of you can make sure that finally happens by confidently standing firm.

For the wonderful, natural beauty that is Bowers Mountain and for the many, many Mainers who are counting on you, please stand firmly with the citizens of Maine and tell First Wind NO, NO means NO. Period.
Sincerely,
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From:	richard puls
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	bowers mt.
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:04:47 PM

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dear sir,

please encourage lurc to stand by their previous decision on the wind project at bowers mountain.

thank you.

rich puls
belfast, maine

From:	Mike McConnell
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 4:49:13 PM

Hello

I am a permanent resident of Concord Twp., and would ask that First Winds re-submittal of a new permit be denied.

Thank You

Mike McConnell

From:	Donna Davidge
To:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 09, 2011 4:22:17 PM

Please stand strong in supporting the correct decision to deny the first wind application to Bowers Project
thank you

Donna Sewall Davidge
Island Falls Maine

-----Original Message-----
From: Donna Davidge [mailto:amrita@mindspring.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: DP 4889 Champlain Wind / Bowers

Dear Mr Todd: Please uphold the unanimous decision by LURC to deny the use of the land for Wind Turbines which would impact the economy in irreparable ways for the Maine guides whose clients travel long distances to experience pristine fishing and quiet hunting experiences with no un-natural obstructions in their view (other than nature provides).

Thank you for this wise decision to uphold Maine's heritage and what draws thousands of people to create revenue each year 4 seasons in our beautiful State. (a tradition my great grandfather William Sewall experienced for 3 fall expeditions with a young Theodore Roosevelt on Lake Mattawankeag).

Donna Sewall Davidge
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Island Falls Maine

From:	McLaughlin, Ellen
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	McLaughlin, Ellen
Subject:	I Oppose Bower"s Mountain First Wind Turbines
Date:	Tuesday, November 29, 2011 7:11:13 PM

Topic: Deny First Wind's Bower's Mountain Wind Turbine Application Withdrawal and then Deny Application for Whole Project.

Date: Nov. 29, 2011

Dear Members of the Land Use Regulation Commission,

I am asking you to 1) deny the request by First Wind to withdraw their application to build 28+ industrial wind turbines on Bowers Mountain in the scenic Down East Lakes area of Maine and 2) I further request that when you deny the withdrawal that you then deny the whole application because the state and federal governments recognize Down East Lakes as a unique scenic area.

I have lived in and cherished this area for 65+ years. I do not want to see its mountain tops blasted away for unsightly industrial wind turbines with their blinking lights dotting this pristine landscape. Scaling down the number of turbines is unacceptable. For Pleasant Lake, Scraggly Lake, Keg Lake and Junior Lake – 10 are just as bad as 28 or 50. We just do not want them in this area.

Sincerely,

Ellen W. McLaughlin

Summer Resident Maine

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From:	KayCam@aol.com
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Attached comment on DP 4889
Date:	Tuesday, November 29, 2011 5:59:49 PM
Attachments:	DP4889~1.PDF

Dear Fred,

Attached is a PDF version of a letter I mailed to you today re: Champlain Wind's request to withdraw and amend its permit application. I'm sending it this way in the interests of time.

Best regards,

Kay H. Campbell
30 Hancock Road
Hingham, MA

From:	Peggy McDaniel
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bower Mt. Wind Application- Vote NO
Date:	Tuesday, November 29, 2011 3:28:37 PM

Mr. Todd,

I am requesting that LURC vote no on the application withdrawal request and to move forward with a "NO" vote at January's meeting. There was an over whelming amount of testimony, from the public, at hearings in Lincoln. This project will have a negative impact on guides, lodge owners, recreational users, fauna and flora, as well as camp owners. I do feel it is LURC's job and responsibility to protect this network of lakes that has been recognized by the great state of Maine as scenically outstanding or significant. This network of lakes is a treasure and needs to be protected for the next generations.

Mr. Todd, thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

Margaret M. McDaniel
Hodgdon, Me./Lakeville, Me.

From: Dean Beaupain
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Champlain Wind /Bowers Mountain Project DP 4889
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:53:19 PM

Fred – I understand that Champlain Wind has filed a request to withdraw its application so it can deal with the visual impact requirements imposed by the Commission after the record closed.

Lakeville Shores, Inc., as an affected landowner, supports this request based upon fundamental fairness to the applicant as well as all participants in the hearing process. I certainly appreciate Commissioner Laverty's comments about how LURC needs to set a standard and draw a line on visual impacts but it amazes me how any applicant can be expected to meet a standard that is not articulated until after the record closes.

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From:	Tracy Allen
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Gary Cambell ...; Kay Campbell; Kevin & Marie Gurall; Kevin & Marie Gurall
Subject:	just in case you aren"t able to open the file I sent you yesterday.....
Date:	Tuesday, November 29, 2011 6:44:15 AM

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To: Fred Todd
Land Use Regulatory Commission
22 State House Station
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From: Tracy Allen
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Dear Mr. Todd

I am writing in regards to First Wind/ Champlain winds recent request to withdraw its application for Bower's Mountain (DP 4889). Over the last 2 years – PPDLW, and other opponents, of the project have worked to expose the negative impacts this industrial wind complex would have on the DownEast Lakes region.

This was done through an intensive scenic impact study and letters/ testimony from people who work, live and vacation in the area; people who would be affected by the 27 towers. The commissioners took time to evaluate the plethora of information submitted by First Wind/ Champlain wind and by PPDLW and other opponents of the project. Based on their review – the commissioners voted to deny the permit at its October meeting; due to the adverse impact it would have on this scenic chain of lakes. First Wind's decision to suddenly withdraw the application for DP 4889 – after the commissioners voted to deny the application – is suspect.

I hope that on December 7, 2011 the commissioners will not only vote to refuse First Wind's request to withdraw their application but will also stick with its original decision to deny the project in its entirety.

Thank you

Tracy Allen

From:	Corbins
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Farm Project
Date:	Monday, November 28, 2011 9:16:59 PM

To: Fred Todd, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022. Tel 207-287-8786.

From: Michael and Robin Corbin, corbin@fairpoint.net; 1355 Main Road, Carroll Plantation, Maine, 04487. Tel 207-738-4354.

Dear Mr. Todd,

We are residents of Carroll Plantation who previously submitted written testimony to you re: First Wind's application for a permit for the Bower's Mountain Wind Farm Project.

This note is to let you know we support First Wind's withdrawal of their application for a permit for the Bowers Mtn Wind Farm Project in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Michael and Robin Corbin

From: darkharp@hotmail.com on behalf of darkharp Itchkawich
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Support for First Wind
Date: Monday, November 28, 2011 7:58:01 PM

Mr. Todd,

I am one of only three full time residents in the Vinegar Hill subdivision of Carroll Plantation. I own 46 acres of land designated as Lot #55.

I am writing in support of First Wind's request to withdraw their application in what is no doubt an effort to revise it to address the remaining visual impact concerns that other communities have expressed. I feel that given First Wind's efforts thus far to create a plan of development which would be environmentally and culturally sensitive, it only makes sense to allow them the additional opportunity to make adjustments and gather more information regarding visual impact.

I would also like to express my general support for First Wind's Bower's mountain project. I live on lot #55 in the subdivision, just above Shaw Lake. I was quite surprised to hear the concerns voiced by one Board member specifically regarding visual impact to my area. With all due respect, I must disagree with the member and voice my personal sense that the windmills are not likely to be visible from my location, much to my disappointment. I would invite the Board, its members, or their representatives to my home to tour the area in person and discover more about the sight lines along the ridges here. I am attaching my contact information and, with suitable notice, am happy to host both the board and no more than 20 observers from any civic group, pro or con, that would like to visit.

I came here to avoid the sprawl, noise, congestion, and so forth of an area just outside the nation's capital. I assure you, having watched development in Loudoun County, Virginia over the course of 15 years one of my biggest concerns was NOT to replicate that somewhere else. I clearly saw how unwise and unrestrained development made a lovely community into a concrete nightmare.

I live entirely off the grid here. It is my third winter in my new home and I love the experience of living here, largely due to the surroundings and wildlife. I haven't turned on a generator in over a year now. I use solar power to run my computers, satellite communications, and other needs...including my well pump. I have a very modest, self-constructed system at this point, yet it is sufficient to most needs. It has made me keenly aware of my use of power and water and exactly what is necessary to make an expenditure pay off.

I will say that in the last year I consumed on 45 gallons of propane to run my backup heater for times when I was away on business. This is in comparison with the year previous where I used over 800 gallons of propane for my generator, largely to run my well pump and make up for deficiencies in my solar array as it grew. The cost difference over that year alone paid for the new solar well pump and its associated equipment, solar panels and batteries. It also allowed me to maintain my sense of humor when the cost of propane went up this year.

I have power in the winter when my friends in town do not.

I have heat in the winter when my friends, most of them retired and elderly, do not.

I snowmobile to town to check on elderly friends whose oil furnaces will not come on because the electricity that runs their thermostats is not available. It hurts my heart that these good people are shivering and cold in the midst of modern conveniences when I am warm and comfortable in my primitive situation. Helping them becomes difficult because it can be hard to get people to accept new things. I would give a great deal to find a way to persuade my friends, good and intelligent people, to let me help them rig an alternative power supply to their furnace so that when their power and backup generator fail they do not have to go cold. But changing the attitudes and habits of a lifetime can be harder than creating a new technology by far.

I believe in alternative energy, not because it is an abstract ideal, but because it is a practical, economical and working reality in my life.

How different would it be if we could help people be truly independent? Able to shrug off a large fluctuation in a fuel price? Able to produce power independently without waiting for utility crews to come to their aid...often for a week or more? How much better off would we be if we didn't face our current dilemmas about power from New Brunswick and the huge cut to Federal Heating Assistance programs that will hurt our neighbors this year alone?

Wind is a part of that solution. If we don't start now, we will never have options when we need them most. Nor is it proper, responsible or self-reliant to ask others to suffer environmental damage from the development of fuel sources, that aren't where we have to experience it, so that we may live as we choose. I have lived in Texas and Utah, and seen what a capped well looks like years after it stops producing. I've hiked in red rock country in Southern Utah where they are now sinking wells within sight of gorgeous and fragile terrain. I've visited friends in Pennsylvania coal country and where fracking is used. This project avoids these horrible costs in our community and in other communities that suffer so that energy can be produced for others.

I understand the concerns of those who have spoken in opposition. With respect, I do not share them despite the fact that many of our core values...the preservation of the beauty of the area...are identical. I feel there can be beauty to be found in these structures and that a harmonious placement of the windmills can be found.

I would also like to comment about the concerns of some over noise and change to the area. I firmly disagree with these concerns. I don't need a phone call to tell me that my seasonal neighbors have arrived for the weekend...I can hear their generators booming at all hours from a quarter of a mile away, often further. Generators produce far more decibel output, often at much closer range, than any windmill can...and are multiple point sources of sound. It is quite maddening to try to enjoy a starry night with a telescope when the neighbors arrive.

In winter, the much more natural sounds of wind and coyote often drown out my television on some evenings and I often find myself turning off the tv to listen. It is unlikely a windmill can compete in any frequency range with that.

We can then discuss the sound of atvs and snowmobiles ripping through the otherwise silent landscape...a jarring experience to those looking for a natural experience. And sometimes destructive to the terrain.

As to disturbing wildlife, the woods around my house fill with deer and moose when the neighbors are here...as they flee the noisy encampments, campfires, radios, illegal fireworks, target shooting and engine noise of the humans. Ironically, one neighbor has complained that my dog barks a great deal at night, largely because our yard fills up with animals that excite her. Equally ironic, I am often asked if I ever see deer or moose by these same people, native Mainers who are perplexed as to why they don't seem to see as many creatures as I do.

My neighbors are good people. They like the area and care about nature too...they merely are interested in a different experience of it. There is nothing wrong with that, but it does illustrate a very important point: Not everyone shares the same definition of a pristine wilderness experience.

I know many of the guides are worried that people will be offended at the sight of windmills. Yet it is equally possible that their customers will find them a positive experience, much as tourists in the Netherlands do, and much as I did last summer while visiting a friend's camp right on the shore of Silver Lake in Lee. Several windmills were very visible and we all sat watching as the blades turned. It was relaxing, and quite a pleasant contrast to the neighbors on either side who were blasting their stereos, bickering, and firing up their jet skis.
Some discussion was had at the meeting about opinions on this point and much was made of survey data supposedly collected from one of the interest groups. I can say I was never offered a survey and greatly suspect that the folks from "Friends of Lincoln Lakes" would not have given me one had I known they were distributing them. I do believe that a scientifically valid sample ought to be sought, both within the neighboring communities and of people who are likely to visit as tourists. That data then needs to be placed in some kind of context so that the views of those most closely impacted...the residents themselves...are respected. I think one of the Board made some very accurate comments

regarding the disparity of interests between those who actually live here and those who do not. Finding a balance between residents, neighbors and visitors needs to be a priority otherwise we become slaves to the opinions of outsiders who do not end up living with the consequences of a decision.

Wind power has become a divisive issue in our community and the loudest voices are not always the majority view, nor are they always where wisdom is to be found. Some, such as myself, have been subjected to smear tactics and rumor mongering to discourage our support for the project. After speaking positively at a Carroll town meeting I was made aware that comments and emails had been circulated about me suggesting my opinion had been purchased or coerced, that I stood to economically gain, and other nonsense. Our subdivision was asked to vote to accept or reject community funds from the project if it went forward, much as Carroll and other municipalities have been asked to do as part of the process. The vote required a majority of all resident and non-resident lot owners and was done formally, in writing, and with signature proof from the resident voting. The results, a majority in favor of accepting the road funds, were then presented in a group meeting in June and laid open for all to view. The rather small but useful amount of money involved was to go to repair roads that would be impacted by construction; and was very important to a subdivision which receives no road maintenance funds from the town we pay taxes in. Yet, this was somehow made out to be a vast plot on the part of myself and another resident to personally gain from our support. Wild remarks were made about the sums involved and our likely personal use of them that reflected a huge ignorance of how our subdivision is governed, how many people were impacted (including the community at large that uses our roads for recreation without paying taxes or contributing public money for the privilege), or how carefully group funds are accounted for to the membership. Assurances I might make to the contrary that my view was not influenced by any but myself and that I would have no personal use of the small annual stipend offered did little to remediate the damage to my reputation caused by those who were against the project.

Our residents will be impacted by the project whether it is completed or not…yet our voices are given scant consideration in the process despite being nearest the construction.

It has been very difficult and there has been a significant price paid in terms of personal reputation to support or speak out in a positive way for this project. Nonetheless, I offer my full and complete support for withdrawal of the application, for consideration of any future amended applications, and for eventual approval of the project.

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From: Heidi Souliere
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: First Wind Project application withdrawal
Date: Monday, November 28, 2011 6:41:21 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,
We are owners of property in the Vinegar Hill Subdivision of Carroll Plantation, Maine.

My husband and I have supported the First Wind project from the start, and will continue to.

We had hoped that this would prove to be a positive project and in turn help the community of Carroll Plantation.
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Now we both will stand in support of First Wind as they seek to withdraw their application so they can address issues, modify their plan and resubmit it.
Sincerely,

Roger & Heidi Souliere
204 Blueberry Road
Waterboro ME 04087

From:	Tracy Allen
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Gary Cambell ...; Kay Campbell; Kevin & Marie Gurall
Subject:	Letter regarding Bower"s Mtn (DP 4889)
Date:	Monday, November 28, 2011 6:14:47 PM
Attachments:	fred todd letter.docx

Dear Mr Todd

Please let me know if you have any problems opening the attached file -
my letter regarding the Dec 7th meeting; Champlain Wind project DP 4889

Thank you

Tracy Allen

From: Eydiebreed@aol.com
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: First Wind Project application withdrawal
Date: Monday, November 28, 2011 2:15:41 PM

Good afternoon, Mr. Todd,

As owners of property in the Vinegar Hill development of Carroll Plantation, Maine, my husband,David, and I have supported the First Winds project as a positive energy development for the community. Ferocious outsider opposition of questionable merit has vocally opposed the project.
Now we support First Wind as they seek to withdraw their application in order to address issues, modify their plan and resubmit it.

Sincerely,
Edith C. and David W. Breed
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From:	Roger Ritter
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	milesalvah@myfairpoint.net
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date:	Monday, November 28, 2011 8:43:24 AM

I am in favor of clean energy. And, I have been previously ambivalent with respect to windpower projects and their huge turbines until I viewed them up close and personal on Route 6, near Lincoln. While one has to marvel at their size and technology, I can't say I would want one within view of my back yard. But, what really turned me around was when my wife and I made our annual climb to the top of Duck Mountain in Hancock County to view the fall foliage. We could plainly see the gigantic white turbines turning along the skyline way over on route 6 in Penobscot County. And, this subtracted from what we had previously enjoyed as an otherwise pristine view of the Northern Maine countryside. If these turbines were the only definitive solution to cheap energy for the foreseeable future, I guess I would tolerate the loss of the aesthetics rather than go without power. But, from what I have read they are NOT the definitive solution by any means. There must be less intrusive means of generating electric power. --Roger G. Ritter

From: Lincoln G. Clark
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind Project DP#4889
Date: Sunday, November 27, 2011 10:04:34 PM

Dear Sirs:

Looks to me as if Champlain Wind is using the oldest trick in the book and taking on the role of the thousand pound gorilla. That's where the big guy with deep pockets tries to bury the little guy with endless legal maneuvers and endless legal expense. Champlain gave it their best shot and the Commission voted to prepare a denial decision. I urge the Commission to continue the denial process and not fall victim to this obvious attempt to delay and drag out and possibly manipulate the decision.

The local folks don't want the wind mills and those of us who love and have come to the region for years oppose their construction. In our case, three generations have come to The Pines for 55 years. We know the lake and the region and we don't want to fish with our backs towards the North.

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From:	Conant"s
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	First Wind application
Date:	Sunday, November 27, 2011 8:48:46 PM

I'm urging you to deny First Wind's attempt to withdraw their application for a permit to build an industrial wind project at Bower's Mountain. Wind turbines at 438 feet, taller than the highest buildings in Maine, looming over one of the premier lake regions in all the United States, is wrong! First Wind would be laughed out of the state if they attempted this in the Sebago area or other regions where they can't wave dollar bills at the less fortunate.

Thank you,
Gary Conant

From:	willet beavers,jr
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind application
Date:	Sunday, November 27, 2011 11:57:47 AM

Fred -

As a Washington County part-time resident who had plans to become a full-time Washington County resident as soon as I retire, I cannot adequately express my outrage when I read about the First Wind plans destroy the scenic beauty of Washington County. I have read the company suggestion that I simply turn my boat or look in another direction if I don't want to look at the wind turbines! My god, I'm speechless! I am saddened and appalled every time I drive through Lincoln. I can't believe the residents allowed this to happen.

I find it ironic that the organization that is charged with maintaining the shore front and natural character of the lakes in Washington County is even considering this development. Recently, I had get a permit from LURC to put a foundation under my camp. To get the permit, I was required to move my camp, a 26'x40' building, forty feet back from the lake from where it as been since it was built in 1964. Why did I have to move the camp? To keep the lake shore in a more natural state. To keep the camp from being visible from the lake. To minimize the disturbance of the lake shore. To bring it into "greater" compliance of the zoning codes that were created in the 70's--and have been becoming more restrictive over time--to maintain the natural character of the shore front. Several years back zoning rules changed and considered a foundation to be a "rebuild" and during a rebuild, a (grand-fathered) non-conforming structure must be brought into compliance as much as possible.

And now First Wind is applying to LURC to line the hilltops with these monstrosities! How can the total destruction of the the landscape ever be "brought into compliance?" Once it is destroyed, it is gone.

I bought property in Washington County to get away from development like this.

Granted we need clean, renewable energy, but we also need cost-effective renewable energy that does not do irreparable damage to our existing environment. These wind projects are not cost-

effective. They
come at a tremendous burden to the tax-payer through government subsidies, and they are not efficient
electricity producers, remaining off-line or failing to operate at predicted levels. They do however line
the pockets of their developers and ruin the landscape.

I sincerely hope this proposed development, as well as all other industrial scale wind projects in Washington
County, does not happen.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Bill Beavers
Forest City, Me.
Lunenburg, Ma.

From:	DM
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Power
Date:	Sunday, November 27, 2011 10:27:37 AM

Dear Fred,

I've been following the Bowers Mountain wind project for sometime, and now I understand that First Wind has requested to withdraw their application so that they will have the ability to again pursue this project with LURC at a later date. I would like to take this opportunity to urge you and other LURC members to deny their request. A wind farm project simply does not fit into this area of Maine; it would cause far more damage than good for for local real estate values and businesses that depend on supplying high quality outdoor experiences.

Dick Miles
former industrial and consulting forester
Baileyville, Maine

From:	Robert Clark
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	FIRST WIND REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION
Date:	Sunday, November 27, 2011 8:09:18 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I was surprised to hear that First Wind had requested a withdrawal for their application to develop a wind farm on Bowers Mountain so they might revise the project and their arguements. I was even more surprised to hear that their request is being considered.

It seems to me that a great deal time and money has been expended by LURC officials and the public to fully understand their proposal, consider impacts, discuss and hear pro and con arguements and form opinions. It seems a incredible waste of public and private resources as well as manipulation of the permitting process to allow resubmission and what is clearly a tactic to wear down opposition.

A large majority of the public has expressed its strong opposition to First Wind's proposal based the impacts that any wind development project would have on the unique scenic wilderness qualities of the downeast lakes area and the need to preserve that precious resource for future generations.

I urge LURC to disallow consideration of a modified project.

Robert F. Clark
PO Box 196
Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637

From: Elaine Brown
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mt.project
Date: Saturday, November 26, 2011 4:59:36 PM

It makes no sense to me to allow First Wind to resubmit their application. Nothing has changed of us who are not in favor of Bowers Mtn. I went to the Straw Poll meeting and I do not see where they could change anything to make less of an impact on the Grand Lake Watershed. If all of these projects that First Wind wants to do are accepted than why bother to have LURC even involved? It sounds to me that the State and First Wind have a lot of power. They are a very arrogant group and just want all projects to go their way. I certainly hope the LURC commissioners do not change their minds. I will be very disappointed in their integrity as a group and certainly feel someone is being paid off and or their connections and or their lawyers are very persuasive with the state.

From: don44
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain Permit
Date: Friday, November 25, 2011 7:41:32 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I understand that First Wind has requested to withdraw it application. I am shocked that after all the work everyone has done and the time that LURC has committed to understand every detail of the First Wind application, that First Wind wants to change what they have testified to and submitted for consideration. It is an effort to drag out the process until they get the results they want. Please, do not allow the application to be withdrawn. How can this be possible? The Maine Wildlands Lakes Assessment of 1987 identifies areas that are of significant value to the State of Maine and are protected from development that detracts significantly from the scenic quality as identified in that document. There exists a conflict in the law: MWLA of protected areas and a hasty "fast track" rush to install moving, flashing, outlandishly tall towers that conflicts with the previous law established to protect a scenic area. The facts are the facts. No need to continue rehashing what we already know: Wind towers impact on scenic Maine are not compatible with the stated objectives of the State of Maine and its valuable tourist industry!
Sincerely,
Donald E. Moore
Orono

From:	paula327
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bower"s Mt--Please deny request to resubmit
Date:	Friday, November 25, 2011 6:55:29 PM

Dear Fred,

We have followed the Bower's Mt. permitting process from the beginning. Please tell LURC we do not agree with the First Wind request to resubmit the permit. THIS IS NOT FAIR! Preservation of significant waterways is VERY important to Maine's future.

Don & Paula Moore
Junior West Grand & Orono

From:	Steve Thurston
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers withdrawl request
Date:	Wednesday, November 23, 2011 5:31:48 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,
I submit the following for the board's consideration on the issue of the withdrawl of the application for the Bowers Wind Project:

Dear Commissioners of LURC,
At your next meeting you will be asked to decide whether to proceed with a decision on Bowers, or allow the applicant to withdraw the application to avoid a potentially adverse decision. I encourage you to follow through on the decision. A final decision will give both the applicant and the public the findings of fact and conclusion of law needed to understand the board's interpretation of the rules. With that knowledge the applicant might be able to submit a new, substantially different application which fully addresses the negative findings in the prior decision. Likewise the public will be better informed and better able to participate in the public hearing process should the applicant re-apply. The decision will also help other wind project applicants understand how the rules are being interpreted today.

Allowing the applicant to abandon the permitting process at such a late stage does a disservice to the staff, the commissioners, the intervenors and interested parties, and to the process itself. The present application has not been revised, so there is no way for anyone to judge whether changes might result in a different decision. You are under no obligation to participate in an open ended negotiation. There will be winners and losers. Its time the voices for preservation of the scenic assets of statewide significance that are impacted by this project got a win, as the board unanimously agreed in its straw poll.

Thank you for your dedication and service to the state,

Steve Thurston co-chair
Citizens Task Force on Wind Power windtaskforce.org
PO Box 345
Oquossoc, ME 04964

From:	Henry
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	re: Bowers Wind application withdrawal
Date:	Wednesday, November 23, 2011 4:47:14 PM

Mr. Frederick W. Todd, Project Planner
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

November 21, 2011

re: Bowers Wind application withdrawal

Dear Mr. Todd,

Being a frequent visitor to the Grand Lake Stream area, I am strongly opposed to LURC allowing First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Wind project. Too much time and money has been spent in evaluating and deciding the application for them to pull the application, make some changes, and resubmit it.

The permitting process judges each application against a list of criteria. These criteria are known by all parties involved, especially the applicant, and have been known since day one. No one can claim that these criteria have changed. The developer is trying to withdraw the application because it appears they will be denied the permit and they want to be able to modify it and start over again without penalty. They could have done this months ago but their arrogance would not allow it. Now, at the 11th hour, the applicant is screaming "no fair!" and wants a "do-over". The applicant's arguments are without substance.

To grant their request would be unfair to all the people who enjoy that network of lakes specifically because there are no turbines on the horizon.

To grant their request would be a slap in the face to all the people who have devoted so much time and money to educating LURC about the unique value of these lakes.

To grant their request would simply be wrong.

Sincerely,
Henry Longmire
Newburyport, MA

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From:	Dan Serebrakian
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	First Wind application
Date:	Wednesday, November 23, 2011 11:21:00 AM

PLEASE do not allow First Wind to withdraw its Bowers Wind application!

We have faithfully been coming to Forest City each Spring and Fall for over 40 years to enjoy the quiet and beauty of East Grand and Spednic lakes. Homeland Security has succeeded in greatly diminishing that experience by making access to the Canadian shore all but impossible. Now we learn that First Wind appears set to administer the *coup de grace* by taking away the scenery. Should this take place, the time will have come to find another vacation spot. Please don't let it happen...

Dan and Kay Serebrakian
50 Stephens Mill Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

From:	Vincent Crosby
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers mt project
Date:	Wednesday, November 23, 2011 9:57:14 AM

Dear Mr Todd,
My name is Vincent Crosby. I live in Lakeville, on Junior lake. I have in the past presented my views on the Bowers Mountain project, which I am positively opposed to. I bought a home on Junior lake upon retirement to enjoy the beauty and tranquility for the remainder of my life. I have no problem with the logging ant timber harvesting that takes place in this area because it is a way of life that I expected to find there when I moved in about 12 years ago.
I have been using this area for about fifty years now and like it very much.
Along comes First wind and they want to change the landscape and beauty of the area. so that they can profit at my expense by producing power to other areas.
There is no emotional tie to this place for them other than making a profit. I have been canoeing this area with my wife and family for years now and I feel that it is about to be spoiled. There are many other areas where wind turbines can be installed other than The Grand Lake Stream chain of lakes.
I feel that First wind, with their deep pockets are taking advantage of the " Little guy" like me and others like me by using expensive lawyers to dupe us out of the pristine area in which we live. My family's complete financial worth is invested in this area. Please do not allow them to take it away.
There is mention in the past that the building of the turbines will provide jobs in the area. Does this offset the
thousands of dollars that I, and others, put into the area by shopping, buying fuel,heating oil, taxes and everything else that it costs for a family to life here for the rest of their lives. I believe not.
So in closing I will once again ask that you do not allow First wind to drag this out until they finally get what they want. I feel like David trying to cope with Goliath.
Thank you ,
Vincent Crosby

From:	psalm1 tds.net
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain proposal
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 9:49:38 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I encourage you to not allow First Wind to withdraw it's request for development of the Bowers Mountain proposal and later to resubmit it. Allowing them to do this would start a dangerous precedent for other development applications. First Wind has had ample time to tweak its application and now, at the 11th hour they want to withdraw it so they can start this process anew. The people of Maine have spoken loud and clear that they do not want wind towers effacing the beauty of this area. Please vote NO in reference to allowing First Wind to withdraw its request, and please vote NO in January to their development of Bowers Mountain.

Thank you in advance for voting NO and NO, and for respecting the people and the scenic landscape of Maine, "the way life should be," because as we all know in our heart, it's not about supporting an economically unsustainable proposal such as First Wind's; "its about the view."

Sincerely,

Sara Alexander
280 Marcho Rd.
Etna, ME 04434

From: Paul Rudershausen
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Development Application DP 4889
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 9:36:15 PM

Mr. Todd: I am writing to request that LURC commissioners vote "No" on First Wind's application withdrawal request for application 4889. Further, I am requesting that LURC commissioners move
forward with a "No" vote at their January 2012 meeting. The time for First Wind to modify its application based on concerns about the scenic impact are long over. First Wind is chewing up taxpayer money and burdening LURC with a topic that needs to be put to bed once and for all. There is OVERWHELMING public OPPOSTION to the First Wind application. Deny the application, deny the withdrawal request, and please move on to other matters! Thank you, Paul Rudershausen

From:	Mike
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	please deny
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 9:34:29 PM

Hi Fred

I would appeciate LURC denying FirstWind's Bowers project and not allowing them to withdraw their application. There is nothing to be done to make giant turbines fit into the wilderness character which is central to the Downeast Watershed and outdoor based economy. Where would we go if there were no lakes left without whooshing, blinking, distracting turbines in proximity? For the life of me I do not understand why FirstWind would try to inundate this area in the first place.

I was at the Oakfield TIF hearing last night and I was appalled that residents approached me and thanked me for coming up and speaking up for protection of the 1A and 1B lakes which are threatened by windsprawl. The Oakfield residents approved the TIF for FirstWind though they would have made more money not granting the TIF. Why one company is allowed by the state to benefit from TIF after TIF is beyond me. When the same company shows disregard for Maine's lakes it angers me. FirstWind has no concept of the Maine outdoors, or they recognize it and do not care as it does not interest them. They have no respect for the Mainers who DO appreciate a quiet paddle, scenic views and a lack of modern contrivances. A chance to relax and enjoy the sounds of nature and the sounds of silence if you will pardon the reference to Simon and Garfunkel.

FirstWind has divided Oakfield and fomented discord with their careless business model. By effectively bribing the residents with cash, they raised the level of discourse from civil and respectful to rude and threatening. Several felt afraid to speak at their own public hearing.

It is time for this state to step up and draw a line for would be developers FirstWind and others. They must respect the citizens. The state may have to force this issue. Tiptoeing around has gone on long enough. When Maine citizens are afraid in their own towns to engage their Constitutional right of free speech , something is seriously wrong. When a company cannot survive without special rules, new legislation, and insiders on the leg. committees then they are not a good fit for Maine . When they fight laws to establish proper siting and reasonable setbacks to protect the people, why should we cater to or listen to them? When they have demonstrated in 3 projects, complete disregard for Maine's 1A and !B lakes and an uncaring attitude for the livlihoods of traditional Maine Guides and Sporting Camps, why should we give them more special treatment? They are not deserving.

Please do not allow FirstWind to withdraw their application.Please deny this project, it is bad for Maine.

Thank you.

Mike and Kim DiCenso Lincoln, ME

From:	richard washburn
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	First Wind proposed withdrawal request
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 8:57:18 PM

LURC Commission,
Please do not allow First Wind to withdraw their application. The process has been seen through. There is no way to improve the scenic disruption that would be created with a new application from First Wind. LURC clearly spoke in their vote. Please end this matter and NOT allow withdrawal.

Abiding by your vote would be greatly appreciated and urged.

Regards,
Richard Washburn
Soon to be resident of Lakeville if the Bowers permit remains not allowed.

From: Jeff Thompson
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain Industrial Wind Project
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 5:56:49 PM

November 22, 2011

Dear LURC Commissioners,
Dear Mr. Todd,

I was very disappointed to recently read that First Wind has requested permission from LURC Commissioners to withdraw their application to install an industrial wind project on Bowers Mountain in Carroll, Maine, with the intent to amend their application and resubmit at some later date. This does not appear to meet the threshold of fair play to all the participants in this process considering;

- This application has been sought by First Wind under the expedited permit process, which included requesting an inclusion of project land in Kossuth that is located outside of the expedited zone. First Wind is very experienced in these expedited permitting processes, they should have the experience, knowledge and resources to execute their right to withdraw and amend their application within the timeframes of the open hearing process, not after the official testimony portion has been closed and the Commission has provided an indication of how they will vote.

- Official testimony had been formally closed prior to the LURC meeting where commissioners conducted a straw vote to deny the application and the subsequent First Wind request to withdraw. If commissioners formally vote to deny the project then First Wind still has their right to the court appeal process so therefore First Wind has not been denied their rights to a fair hearing process.

- Process participants, both proponents and opponents, of this proposed project have incurred significant expense, time and resources to respond to the application within the timelines of the expedited permit process. To allow First Wind to withdraw now at this late date and then amend and resubmit later is a financial burden opponents should not have to incur considering they conducted their due diligence and response within the expedited permit process timelines.

- What precedent will be set for future industrial wind site applications if First Wind is allowed to withdraw at this late stage of the project review process? This results in not only a financial burden on opponents but also on the state with associated costs that LURC and supporting agencies will incur to respond to a future re-submission, this is not a fair use of the tax payers money since this request has occurred after the testimony process has concluded.

- Realistically, how can First Wind further mitigate the scenic impact of the windmills that

extend above the ridgeline of the mountains? Elimination of the red blinking lights on the night skyline would be a significant mitigation step but this does not meet FAA standards at this time and there is no guarantee this will ever be the case . I don't know what additional step would mitigate such an impact. First Wind should be required to provide a list of such options for LURC to consider the merits of prior to any LURC approval to withdraw the application.

- If First Wind is allowed to withdraw their application, will LURC assign a fixed time for First Wind to resubmit by or their application expires and is considered a formal deny? It is not fair to any participants to leave this open ended given the timing of this withdrawal request.

My property in Carroll has a direct unobstructed view of Bowers Mountain, approximately 1 mile away from the summit. I have traveled to Carroll Plantation to enjoy my camp overlooking Bowers Mountain for the past 40 years and plan to retire there. For me, the scenic views of the area, be it from my camp or fishing, kayaking or canoeing on Pleasant Lake, West Mushquash or Grand Lake, is why I make the 200+ mile trip to this area so frequently. These are pristine waters and views with no development, that should be protected for future generations. I think the commissioners got it right when in their straw vote they instructed the LURC staff to draft a deny response to this project. I respectfully request the Commission to hold to their original assessment and vote to deny this request for First Wind to withdraw their application at this stage of the process. I do not think First Wind's reasoning for requesting a withdrawal of the application meets the threshold of evolving visual standards that equate to an unfair assessment of their application. I hope you agree.

Thank You,

Jeff Thompson
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From: Matt Small
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2011 2:49:51 PM

Dear LURC Commissioners,

I understand that First Wind has withdrawn their application for the Bowers Mountain project in the face of a unanimous vote of the LURC to deny the project on December 7. I have also learned that a point of order was called which allows First Wind to make an argument for withdrawal on December 7th and that the vote will then be in January. This is why I contact you today.

I have been following this proposal for the last 9 months and have been a citizen supporter to preserve our lakes and mountains from industrial development. I understand the Baldacci plan to become a leader in Wind Power but while doing so we need to protect our unique natural resources. The West Grand Watershed is clearly one of Maine's most prized environmental assets. Please continue to protect it from industrial development because in doing so not only are you protecting this resource but you are also setting precedent that Maine's unique and valuable watersheds are off limits to industrial development. I hope you set a huge precedent by voting this project down. It will provide future generations of Mainers and out of Staters with respite from this crazy world even if it is just a fishing trip with the guys or a paddle on the lake with their 8 year old daughter. For many of us our lakes and mountains are the only place where we can get away from it all and find peace. Please protect our resources.

Matt Small
East Grand Lake

From:	Craig I Geikie
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 2:36:11 PM

Mr. Todd,
As a 44 year old native to Maine I'm urging you to deny the First Wind request to withdraw from the Bowers Mountain vote approaching in December. I strongly believe that Maine has a key 'brand' with its beautiful ocean, lakes, mountains and forests which attract outdoors enthusiasts from around Maine and especially from out of state. Quality of place is key to the decisions our residents and tourists to Maine make to either live or pay to recreate here. Our tourist industry is rich in history and I believe that wind, sited in the wrong locations, is wrong for the state. Areas such as Grand Lake Stream, Rangeley, Carrabassett, Greenville/Rockland and Bar Harbor should never see industrial wind. Please strongly consider the vote to deny the application as your commissioners already voted a few weeks ago.

With Kind Regards,
Craig
Cape Elizabeth, Maine

From:	Sue Campbell
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	re: Bowers Wind application withdrawal
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 12:38:03 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I am totally opposed to LURC allowing First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Wind project. Too much time and money has been spent in evaluating and deciding the application for them to pull the application, make some changes, and resubmit it.

The permitting process judges each application against a list of criteria. These criteria are known by all parties involved, especially the applicant, and have been known since day one. No one can claim that these criteria have changed. The developer is trying to withdraw the application because it appears they will be denied the permit and they want to be able to modify it and start over again without penalty. They could have done this months ago but their arrogance would not allow it. Now, at the 11th hour, the applicant is screaming "no fair!" and wants a "do-over". The applicant's arguments are without substance.

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To grant their request would simply be wrong.

Sincerely,

Susan Campbell

From:	Maxine Lano
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers wind project
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 11:20:13 AM

I hope that LURC will DENY the Bowers wind project, Please don't give them another chance. My plea is that you deny all furthur wind projects and save the State of Maine.

Maxine Lano
cheflanco@maine.rr.com

From:	Diane Winn
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind project
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 9:09:32 AM

Dear Mr. Todd:

I urge LURC to deny Champlain Wind's request to withdraw its application for the Bowers Wind project, and to follow through with the board's earlier vote to deny the application. Industrial wind projects in Maine have already had too much leeway and opportunities to hedge and obfuscate. For once, a review board should issue clear statement that some wind projects are unacceptable - period. If the developer wants to submit a modified proposal, it should be in the context of a new application that enters the review process at the beginning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Winn

Freedom, ME

From:	Drosky Rosemary
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	DENY the Bowers Wind project request to withdraw the application
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 8:38:16 AM

DENY the Bowers Wind project request to withdraw the application.

The applicant should not be allowed at this late stage to pull the plug. If they want to revise the application they should have submitted a request to re-open the record to allow more information to be submitted. Withdrawing the application to avoid an adverse decision and to have "another bite at the apple" is unfair to the process and to those who participated in this long and exhaustive review. The applicant should accept the denial, and then revise the application to address the reasons for the denial and submit a new application.

Sincerely,
Brian and Rosemary Drosky
New Portland

From:	Alison Olds
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Project
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 5:19:16 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

Champlain Wind should not be allowed to withdraw their permit. You should deny it at your December meeting as planned.

If they want to resubmit a new permit at a later date, that is their perogative. They are trying to game the system and it is not fair to the citizens of Maine who have played by the rules, traveled to the hearings and testified (all at their own expense).

First Wind (Champlain Wind) is making a mockery of our system.

Sinncerely,

Alison Olds
PO Box 202
Brooks, Me 04921

From:	Tom Olds
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Fletcher, Kenneth C; Governor
Subject:	DP 4889 Bowers Project
Date:	Tuesday, November 22, 2011 4:49:22 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

First Wind should not be allowed to withdraw their permit and submit it at a later date. They are trying to game the system. It is not fair to those Mainers who, at considerable time and expense, worked hard to testify, to travel to hearings, to tour the affected area, in order to defeat this project. We played by the rules and demand that First Wind play by the same rules.

Please deny this permit, as you have planned. If First Wind wants to resubmit another permit, then let them do it at a later date.

Sincerely,

Tom Olds

Tom Olds
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tomolds2009@live.com

From:	Peter Fisher
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 11:51:14 PM

Peter Fisher
67 Deer Run
Lakeville, ME
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11/21/2011

To:

LURC Commissioners

C/O Fred Todd

Mr. Todd, I cannot express how saddened and irate I am at the consideration on the part of the Commissioners to consider allowing the withdrawal of Champlain Wind's application for the Bowers Project.

I am certainly an opponent to this project. However, had the request been submitted at an earlier date, during the lengthy procedure of application review, I might have understood such a consideration by the Commissioners.

However, the process, which I believe one must admit is heavily weighted in favor of an applicant, and places a nearly insurmountable task for the general public to challenge, was fully completed. The request for application withdrawal at this time would seem to be totally unreasonable.

It certainly would be unjust to the citizens of Maine that sacrificed hundreds of hours of personal time and thousands of hard earned, donated dollars from their pockets in an effort to participate fairly and legally in this process.

To allow a withdrawal at this last minute when the applicant sees the writing on the wall would be a betrayal to those citizens of Maine. I have read the applicant's claims for justifying such an action and can see no legitimate claims. I feel that the applicant simply hopes for two things: to beat down the shallow pocketed opposition in hopes that they cannot continue their efforts or, to find a more sympathetic ear with newly appointed members of the Commission that would vote differently than was done in October.

Respectfully , Peter Fisher

From:	Henry
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	re: Bowers Win application withdrawal
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 9:46:53 PM

Mr. Frederick W. Todd, Project Planner
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

November 21, 2011

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Sincerely,
Henry Longmire
Newburyport, MA

From:	Mike
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	deny
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 9:45:01 PM

Dear Fred Please deny the Bowers project and do not let them withdraw their application. They are up to something and it is not fair to the people who worked so hard to save the area from windsprawl. They have too many lawyers at their disposal. That is not fair and lets developers buy their way wherever. There is nothing they can do that will make the megalith turbines quieter, shorter, or less of an eyesore and the Downeast Lakes deserve preservation, as do all 1A and 1B lakes. I would go on that all Maine's lakes are deserving of protection in my opinion.

Please deny their withdrawal and deny the project.

Thank you.

Mike DiCenso Lincoln

From:	Eleanor True
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mt. wind project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 7:31:53 PM

Dear Sir,
I am writing to urge the board to deny the withdrawal request for the above-stated subject. They should not be allowed at this late stage to withdraw. Withdrawing the application to avoid an adverse decision and to have another chance is wrong and unfair.

Follow the process. The applicant should accept the denial, revise the application as necessary, then
submit a new application if they so choose.

Thank you for listening.

Eleanor True

From:	norawest tdstelme.net
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain wind project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 7:25:00 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I urge you to please DENY the request by the Bower Mountain wind project to withdraw their permit and reapply. Maine is a beautiful state that draws people from around the world. We must preserve Maine's assets.

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Nora West
248 Atwood Hill Road
New Portland, Maine 04961
207-446-4316 cell

From: Keith Cook
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind Project
Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 5:43:40 PM

I strongly urge LURC to disallow Champlain Wind's effort to withdraw and revise it's application at this point in the proceedings. If they wish to pull back, then a completely new application would be in order.

And with the emerging information and research about the questionable environmental benefits of wind power, I continue to urge LURC to deny this ill conceived project which appears to largely benefit a few wealthy developers with public funds. Unconscionable!

Keith Cook, Ed.D.
Licensed Psychologist
60 Front St.
Waterville, ME 04901

From: Peter Fisher
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind Project
Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 5:27:48 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

My name is Mary Jane Fisher. My husband and I own land on Junior Lake in Lakeville. I am writing to share my consternation at the recent request by First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Mountain Wind Project. The process was not flawed, and at this point First Wind should not be able to change the process because they did not get the outcome they had hoped for. The denial of this project is a sound one. The Downeast Lakes region is certainly a resource worth protecting. I attended numerous hours of hearings and listened to testimony from a variety of stakeholders in Lincoln and Bangor. I also attended the deliberations in Ellsworth and most recently in Lincoln. First Wind was given ample time and consideration. It is clear that they expected a different outcome and therefore did not act until the straw vote indicated that the permit will be denied. This process should be allowed to go forward as the straw vote indicated: with a denial. First Wind should not be allowed another chance or an opportunity to change the process to meet their needs. The straw vote was clear: the lakes in the Bowers Mountain view shed are worth protecting for those who use this beautiful area and those who will in the future. Thank you for your time. Mary Jane Fisher

From:	Peter Kendrick
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 5:01:32 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,
I have beenfollowing the news about this project for 5 months. Even though I live in New Jersey I have been hunting and fishing in that area since the early 1970s. I was very pleased to learn that your commissionm voted not to permit a 27 windmill wind farm to be built on those mountains. It's getting increasingly hard to find such a beautiful unspolied area where you can get away from it all. Building that windfarm would ruin the experience.

Now I see that you might reconsider your decision by allowing the developer to make a few changes to the plan. This would be a huge mistake. Please stick to your guns and tell those scheisters loud and clear that the Bowers area is not available for them to ruin!

Sincerely,
Peter Kendrick
Madison, NJ

From: richard mcdonald
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind Project
Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 4:29:59 PM

Mr. Todd: My wife and I own property on West Grand Lake in Township 6 ND. We are requesting that we be included on notices from LURC regarding the Bowers Wind Project. At this time, it is our understanding that the project application has been withdrawn -- is that the current staus of the application? We would appreciate confirmation of the status and inclusion on the notice list.

Our address is: Richard and Nancy McDonald
1 Forest Hill Lane
Kennebunk, ME 04043

email: richard@rcmcdonald.com

Thank you for your cooperation.

From:	Harry Roper
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Governor
Subject:	Bowers Mtn Wind farm withdrawal request.
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 3:28:41 PM

Dear Mr. Todd – I very much approved of the LURC decision to have its staff draft a denial of the proposed Bowers Mountain wind farm. That was the right decision.

I hope you will not allow First Wind to withdraw the proposal – no means no, and it is about time First Wind heard "no" from the people of Maine. A flat refusal is the right thing to do. I have spent many summers on around the beautiful, pristine Downeast Lakes, and industrial wind turbines are not at all appropriate.

Thank you, Harrison Roper

35 High St.
Houlton, ME 04730
207-532-3797

From: Sally McGuire
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind withdrawal application
Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 3:26:29 PM

To the member of Maine Land Use Regulatory Commission: I thank you for your preliminary decision to deny the Bowers Wind project, and urge you to stick with that decision. Maine's citizens have made it clear that this project is not in our interest, we don't want it. For the developers to ask to (temporarily) withdraw their permit now, after so many people have worked so hard to stop it, is unfair. They should be turned down and forced to start again from the beginning if they want to proceed in the face of so much public opposition. This and all of the proposed industrial wind projects need to be evaluated very seriously in the face of a great deal of evolving information which was not available earlier. Thank you, Sally McGuire

From:	Aebridges@aol.com
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Development Permit DP 4889 Champlain Wind, LLC. Bowers Wind Project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 1:11:11 PM

Enough is enough. I urge LURC to deny the request from Champlain Wind, LLC to withdraw the application for the Bowers Wind Project.

Sincerely,

Arthur J Bridges
33 Higgins Hill Road
Morrill, ME 04952

From:	dudley gray
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain wind project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 12:28:17 PM

Sir: I would like to write in opposition to any extension or reconsideration of Champlain Wind's completed application. Please deny their request to withdraw. Aside from the miserable economic benefits, Maine residents need no additional electrical power. The visual impact is devastating and is reason enough to deny. I recently
drove from Andover village to the South Arm of lower Richardson lake. There is a State of Maine "scenic turnout" on the right side of the road affording a view of Roxbury ridge to the east. The scenic view is now dotted with wind towers. If one drives from Mexico towards Rangeley on Rt. 17, the same 22 towers completely destroy the formerly beautiful ridges in the Swift River river valley. Maine can not trade our vistas, wilderness and our mountains that attract tourists for subsidized industrial wind power that provides no benefits and only enriches the developers. Who is going to dismantle these behemoths if the developers fail and they will because of the economics. Vestas CEO, Ditlev Engel recently said U. S. wind turbine sales may "fall off a cliff" unless lawmakers extend tax credits. Why then, take the risk? Please examine the visual aspects of these 450 ft towers with lights ruining the clear night sky, and also the noise and the unknown impact on animals and humans. Please deny this project for visual reasons as well as economic reasons.

Sincerely,
Dudley Gray
Rangeley Plt.

From:	denise hall
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Please deny the request to withdraw the application for the Bowers Wind Project
Date:	Monday, November 21, 2011 12:09:52 PM

Hello,

I strongly object to the request and ask that the application be denied. Doing otherwise would be unfair to the process and to the many, many folks who have participated.

Sincerely,
Denise Hall
28 Blackbrook Road
Bryant Pond, ME 04219

From: York, Mary on behalf of LURC
To: Carroll, Catherine M.; Todd, Fred
Subject: FW: Wind
Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 10:06:42 AM

Mary York

Office Associate
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022
207-287-2631
207-287-7439 (fax)

From: Matt Small [mailto:MSmall@harborfamilyservices.org]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 10:49 AM
To: LURC
Subject: Wind

LURC, First Wind wants to withdraw its application because the "SCENIC IMPACT" criteria were not met. How will First Wind address this issue if you allow them to withdraw the application? The answer is they can't. Scenic impact is one of the few variables that Lawyers and Corporate CEO's can't deny and cover with smoke and mirrors. The turbines will destroy the scenic value of one of the most important watersheds, and world class fisheries IN OUR STATE.... period, end of story. Do not allow them to withdraw their application so they can lobby the incoming commissioners who will be taking over for exiting commissioners in December. The only reason to allow withdrawal would be to give them the opportunity to try to convince the next Commissioners that the scenic impact is not significant. Do not allow it. STICK TO YOUR GUNS. You have done right by the Maine people by recommending that this project not pass, do not let them take that away from us. Thank you

Matt Small, LCSW
Chief Operating Officer
Harbor Family Services
1295 Atlantic Hwy
Northport, Me 04849
207-470-7090
HarborFamilyServices.org

From:	Merrylyn Sawyer
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Saviello, Thomas; Governor
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Sunday, November 20, 2011 10:43:00 PM

I request that you continue to deny First Wind permission to proceed with the Bowers Mountain Project, DP4889.

Deny the original request and make it clear the decision is final. I realize that Julie Browne as representative of a law firm working for First Wind is attempting to circumvent the decision and play LURC and the people of Maine for fools. Please let First Wind know they cannot disrespect the wishes of the people of Maine.

The people of Maine have spoken. I believe you received over 100 emails and letters stating good reasons not to allow DP4889 to proceed. You initially denied permission to proceed.
Please stand by that decision and do not falter.

We, the people of Maine, do not want Bowers Mtn wind project to be built. DP4889 is not a good idea for Maine.

We have watched our glacial beauties slowly being destroyed by First Wind and other mega-businesses. We have seen enough. We do not want any more beautiful mountain ranges to be permanently destroyed.

Please continue to deny DP4889 any power to proceed.

Thank you.

Merrylyn Sawyer
Wayne, Maine

From:	Mike Gilluly
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Maine Bottle Lake
Date:	Sunday, November 20, 2011 7:11:57 AM
Attachments:	.vcf

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Mike Gilluly
MPG Mechanical
A Cooling & Heating Company
Charlestown, R.I. 02813
401-626-6091
www.mpgmechanical.com
mpgmechanical@cox.net

From: Sally Butler
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind Project
Date: Saturday, November 19, 2011 11:10:08 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I am writing in reference to the Bowers Wind project. I have heard that LURC has voted against the project, although that officially will not happen until early December. I also understand that the applicant, First Wind, has now submitted paperwork to withdraw their application.

I am personally against the project and was delighted to hear that LURC unanimously was rejecting it. It seems most unfortunate that a large corporation with deep pockets might be allowed to stretch the process out so all the neighbors, land owners, businesses and tourists will be again challenged to defend their way of life.

It would seem prudent for the future that we identify areas that are too precious, important or valued by wildlife and humans to spoil by mans hand.

Just like any energy source, wind energy has its drawbacks. It is up to LURC to keep some perspective on such a project in such a pristine place. I urge you to not allow the withdrawal of the application and for LURC to reject the project in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Sally Butler
Waldoboro, ME 04572
207.832.4678

From:	Jen G
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bottle Lake
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 8:04:39 PM
Attachments:	.vcf

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Sincerely, Jennifer Rose Gilluly

P.S. Bottle Lake is a wonderful place and we enjoy my parents place there it would be a shame to have something like this there. Times change but a place like this should not!

From:	Barby
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Forward, paste, revise!! Keep Bottle Lake as is!!
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 7:20:56 PM

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Sincerely, Barbara LeTourneau

From:	Lois
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind withdrawal application
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 6:48:28 PM

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Sincerely,

Paul & Debbie Cook
Altamonte Springs, FL

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To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind withdrawal app.
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Sincerely,
K. Gerbracht
Wantagh, NY

From:	Lois
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind application withdrawal
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Sincerely,

Leslie and Walter Cook, IV
Massaqequa, NY

From:	Lois
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mtn. wind application withdrawal
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 6:41:51 PM

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Sincerely,

Walter Cook, Bottle Lake, Lakeville, ME 04487

From:	Mary Gundy
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind application withdrawal
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 5:43:32 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I can hardly believe (or maybe I can) the last minute tactic that First Wind is using in order to try for a favorable vote. I am completely, totally, opposed to LURC allowing First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Wind Project. So many people have worked so very hard and used their hard earned money and time working against this project and too much time and money has been spent in evaluating and deciding the application for them to pull the application, make some changes, and resubmit it.

The permitting process is a known entity by all involved - especially First Wind. They cannot possibly claim that anything has changed in this process. First Wind is trying to withdraw the application because it appears they will be denied the permit and they want to be able to modify it and start the process over again. It is crazy and makes absolutely no sense. This is a last minute ploy on their part to wear their opponents down, nothing else. There is nothing new in their application, just delaying tactics. Their arguments are without substance.

Granting their request would be so unfair to all of us who enjoy that network of lakes specifically because it is a pristine environment with no turbines on the horizon. To grant their request would be a slap in the face to all the people who have devoted so much time and money to educating LURC about the unique value of these lakes.

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Sincerely,

Mary Osgood Gundy
6 Walker Road
Manchester, MA 01944
978-526-8688

From:	David Campbell
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind application withdrawal
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 12:43:28 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I have been watch this issue develop over the last two years and I am totally opposed to LURC allowing First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Wind project. Too much time and money has been spent in evaluating and deciding the application for them to pull the application, make some changes, and resubmit it.

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David Campbell

From:	Linda Will
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Wind application withdrawal
Date:	Saturday, November 19, 2011 11:23:43 AM

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L Will

From:	Kirsten Brown Burbank
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Friday, November 18, 2011 10:12:35 PM

November 18, 2011

Dear Mr. Todd,

It has come to my attention recently that some 302 letters of opposition (of which mine, see below, was one of, sent last summer) combined with a recent vote by LURC Commissioners that denied an application as submitted by Champlain Wind, LLC, regarding the fate of the Bowers Mountain area of Maine near Grand Lake Stream (DP 4889) has not been enough to mean "no" to the industrial wind lobby. I understand they are considering withdrawing their application and have asked or will ask again for the opportunity to resubmit a new application after they can address what was wrong with their first proposal to wreck and destroy forever, what is probably one of the most historic, natural and beautiful places in all the State of Maine.

Please see my letter, as attached below, that I sent to you dated Saturday, July 16, 2011 by e-mail, which I want to submit once again to reiterate my absolute dismay over the possibility that Champlain Wind, LLC might be allowed to "game the system" with a revised submission. These tactics are pushy, deceptive, dirty and disrespectful of LURC's time, energy and resources, and as well ignore the true process of democracy as was executed at this summer's hearings with members of the invested public present. Clearly, the process which helped LURC members make this decision to deny, was fully exercised, (DP 4889) and the voices of the people were heard.

I ask that LURC Commissioners firmly and squarely stand on their decision to deny this permit to Champlain Wind, LLC, end of story!

Thank you so much for your time,

Kirsten Brown Burbank
Salem Township, Maine

Original Letter, Dated July 16, 2011

Dear Mr. Todd,

I am writing to officially submit this letter for the record regarding DP 4889/Bowers Mountain as I could not make the nearly 4 hour trip to the public hearings that were held in Lincoln, Maine, on the 27th and 28th of June. I wanted more than anything to be present to give testimony as to how I feel and what I think about this application/submission by Champlain Wind, LLC.

The Bowers Mountain area of Maine is special to me because I know this application submitted to build an industrial grid-scale wind plant in this region would impact a little place with a GREAT BIG reputation that I had the privilege of experiencing as a 21 year old woman some 20 years ago, when I was employed there for the summer at Weatherby's (world renouned) Fishing Resort located in Grand Lake Stream. My sister and I were hired on to work there in the cabins and in the kitchen, and, lock, stock and barrel, we went deep into a part of Maine and lived a life (for a brief but wonderful time) that we never imagined being a part of, so deep into the Maine wilderness! We worked hard and every day - we swam at night in the cool, clear cove by the village dock, we slept under a perfect starry sky and we worked hard again the next day, usually for seven days in a row before getting a half day break to drive to Calais to do our laundry! I swear to you now that the living I made in those days at "fish camp" set me squarely and firmly on my path to self-sufficiency and eventually to home ownership, because I saved every dime I made there and I realized that in the process, I became a part of the tradition of sport fishing in Maine, too. I went on to work at another famous fishing resort closer to my home here in western Maine with the same passion and excitement for the Maine outdoors, (in eco-tourism and outdoor recreation) in a career that sustained me for well over ten years. I clearly understood the value of that Maine experience for myself, and for the many others from around the globe who came to visit our state and still do all these years later; just to take in what I had perhaps taken for granted - the splendor of the mountains and foothills, the clear blue waters of the Grand Lakes watershed, the untouched skyline, flawless days (rain or shine, they were so wonderful) and a glimpse of perfection, in a pristine and wild place. When I think back on my days in Grand Lake Stream, and I consider the destruction and the carnage and the metal jungle that wind developers are proposing for the most excellent place Maine has to offer, I just want to weep uncontrollably. I am not an unreasonable citizen. I love Maine, I love the outdoors and I care about the future of this state for all of

Maine's citizens. The companies that want to build grid-scale industrial wind facilities in this state (and rob the common man of his future and livelihood) are selfish, short-sighted and most of all, greedy. We are NOT talking in the least bit about generating green energy.

I ask you and the committee making these incomprehensible decisions about the very future of Maine and all that it stands for, Who, WHO, will be responsible for the ruination of perhaps the greatest quality place in our state, in one of the last great wildernesses found anywhere in this great country of ours?

I feel ashamed. Ashamed that people more educated and powerful and wealthy than I, are making these kinds of decisions for the future of all Mainers, for the future of energy, and for the future of this economy. I am ashamed because in my heart of hearts, I know that this is WRONG and it is quite possible that someday, the masses will look back on this date and time and place in Maine's history and say, "that's where it began to fall apart and it was GRAND - the ruination of Maine, the Way Life Will Never Be Again."

Please STOP the Bowers Mountain project and deny DP 4889!

Sincerely,

Kirsten Brown Burbank
Salem Township, Maine

Taxpayer, Maine Native & Resident of Unorganized Territory (since 1998)

From:	Art Gannon
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers project
Date:	Friday, November 18, 2011 10:59:11 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

Please do not let First Wind stop their Bowers wind application just so they can redesign it and get it passed. The permit process has gone on for long time and they did not design a project that would be approved. Even if they took out 10 turbines the rest will still be visible from our beautiful lakes. Please listn to the people who got up and talked at the public hearing. This wind project is just wrong!!

Thank you,
Art Gannon
Kettering Ohio

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First Wind,

I would first of all like to thank you for considering our little town of Carroll for a future wind project. With all the opposition you get, it must truly tax your patience.

I recently purchased a 78 AC Farm on Felicity Farm Lane. I am steadily building and grooming it, in order to one day make it a successful producer of ALL NATURAL BEEF and Poultry for the local communities and beyond. The tax benefits alone would do great things to intensify the growth of Felicity Farm. I think few would argue that there is no property in Carroll that has a clearer view of Bowers MT. than my own. I have no problem with the towers presence if they ever appear. I do not buy into

all the negative side effects as many do, based on unfounded facts. I have snowboarded under them in Mars Hill numerous times and found them only to enhance the experience. As far as wildlife goes, myself and other hunters have seen much activity in your clover plots under the wind mills on Stetson, Jimmy, and Owl mtns. I am much more annoyed by tractor trailer jake brakes bellowing over my ridge from rt. 6 all times of day and night. I am especially infuriated by those opponents on the lakes that have littered their beauty with camps, houses, warfs, docks, and Jet skis, yet have the gall to complain about ~~EITHER~~ Their view. What about everyone elses view that puts up with their million dollar cottages and lodges that uses those lakes. Can we all say

Hipocrits!!

A future for Firstwind makes a better future for Felicity Farm, putting local food in local mouths and keeping the local dollar local. Call on me any time for any help you may need. MY Farm is behind you 100%.

Thank You

Joe Osgood Jr.
60 Felicity Farm LN.
Carroll, PLT. Maine
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81 Brown Rd
Carroll Plantation, ME
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To Lurc.

Would like to say a few words today about First Wind. And hope you take this into consideration on your review.. And In my Opinion

First of all we as a whole, as a community agreed to have First Wind build these Turbines on Bowers mtn. I know there's a lot to consider. And we as a community looked at it this way.

Benefits fore the whole town not just one person or company. All of us. Only a few was against this.

If these Turbines go through It would provide the town with extra monies that we have never been able to establish for our selves. We are a Small Plantation Struggling to stay afloat of these hard times. With these Turbines built in town we could go forward and provide the people with

1. Improved roads that are badly in need of repair. Upgrade & rebuild.
2. Town office needs, new roof, well and Septic
3. New office programing, to update Computers & copiers. to get into the New or modern world.
4. To fix Cemeteries, Stones that have

fell over, new fencing around them.
5. To have town lines run to establish our boundaries.
6. Have special funds set up in case someone needs help to get an education or to learn a new skill to help get a job.
7. Have an emergency fund. For instance, if someone's house burns (God forbid)

Yes. We have lakes and streams in town I'm concerned about these. I'm concerned about the mountains & valleys, the fish, birds & wild animals. But I have no control over these. They're not mine. OR yours. GOD put these on this earth for a reason and GOD will provide for these they always have and they always will if we let him have control.

But I ask you ~~the~~ How many people in this town or our surrounding towns make a living being a guide for either hunting or fishing? and I don't mean 15 to 20 miles away that's not in this area. How many people come here and even know where Bowers Mtn is? OR know what such and so stream is OR where this or that road is? Before this project came into view.

Have you ever took a boat to Shaw or Scraggly lake and fished for a day OR rode around them for a day. How many people did you see on it that day? I know a man who has a camp. He goes there weekend, and weeks at a time. He says he never sees anyone all the time he's there.

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How many people in this town work for a living. They could stand a break and these Wind Turbines could do this. The retirees and the old folks could stand a little tax reduction. Too. They want to stay on their own land that's been in the family for generation

These people who don't live in town have nothing to say about the impact of these turbine, or the view, or the sound.

These turbines don't bother anybody. In my opinion the ones who should have anything to say is the ones that own the ground. If they don't want them on their ground. Then first Wind would of found some place else to put them. Not anyone else not even the town. The Town will assess these turbines and transmission lines and that's the way it should be.

I wouldn't want anybody telling me what I can and can't do with my ground.

I read the opponents letters and comments on this project. They really don't care about anybody else. They talked about there Scenic pollution and visual pollution, the wildlife that's at risk. The blasting of the mountain tops They don't know. It sounds like to me that they're a little Jealous, and selfish All they talk about me, me, me,

Take Scenic pollution, yes these turbines are tall but so what, what about the Scenic

pollution of the lakes where their "camps" are. There was beautiful lakes and trees and birds and wild animals there before they ruined that "view". The so called "camps" aren't camps their "mansions".

Some of there ideas of don't cut this tree or move that rock because there might be some creature living in or on it. Come on!!

Since the turbines have come to Stetson and Rollins mountains the impact of the lights blinking. Gives a sense of direction. I've heard people say they look forward to seeing them at night.

As far as the blasting of the mountain tops. I know it takes alot of the original structure away.

But my God. I was up on Stetson a few weeks ago and I couldn't believe what I saw. This was the first time I was ever up there. The view was magnificent, you could see for miles. The way they reshaped the roads and replanted the ground, the vegetation that was growing. This all provided new feed for the wild life and birds. Which I saw flying "not dead on the ground" And the first thing we saw as I pulled in #38 was Deer. They we going everywhere.

So don't tell me that these turbines hinder wildlife.

The hunters this fall that I've talked to have seen plenty of signs up there and I know of a few deer that was actually taken

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from there. Weighing in around 900 lbs.

These people who are against these turbines are so convinced and are actually brain ~~washing~~ others into thinking that they are wrong. and the destruction they will cause have probably never been up to them closely.

And most of them that have something to say are not talking or thinking for themselves They actually are using words that someone else come up with.

We will still have Scenic Beauty and wildlife and birds. When you approve this project. All this does is add one more Scenic wonder to the world. And Carroll Plantation

And with the approval it will also help as a whole, as a community. And to bring much needed revenue to Carroll Plantation

Dont base your disapproval on the people who don't live in this Plantation and hardly know where Carroll Plantation is. These people proval nothing and mean nothing. to the Plantation of Carroll. They Bring no revenue what so ever to this community.

All they Bring with them are the "No Trespassing Signs", And "we need to form an Association"; So ~~they~~ it can be just like where they come from. Let us have our turn and lets have Something Good To the people of Carroll Plantation

Thank You
stay Strong

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TO
FREDERICK W. TODD
LURC

It is Lure's obligation to stand by their decision to reject First Winds Power Mt permit application and not let them withdraw it. To permit First Wind to change tactics Lure would do a great injustice to the hundreds of Maine property owners and business people who for countless years have lived, worked & enjoyed Maines Grand Lake region.

Sincerely

P.S. William L Daniels
Past Bottle Lake resident
P.O Box 125
Springfield, Me 04487

Nov. 25, 2011

LURC

I own a camp in Lakeville, I do not want to see First Wind withdraw their application for Bowers Mountain.

James C. Daniels

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Mr. J. W. Todd
LURC
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Todd,

Please do not let First Wind withdraw their application for the Bowers Mtn. Project.

They been doing things on the sly since coming to Maine, — leasing & buying land & telling those not to tell anyone First Wind's intentions. The "facts" they give to the Press are not always the "whole" story.

We need LURC's honesty in following their own guidelines. We need them to vote as they said turning down First Wind's proposal and not letting them withdraw.

We wonder how much electricity is coming from the windmills in the Lincoln area. Whenever we drive to Lincoln, most windmills are not even turning.

Thank you for reading this.

Erma M. Daniels

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Mr. Frederick W. Todd
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Mr. Frederick W. Todd, Project Planner
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

November 21, 2011

re: Bowers Wind application withdrawal

Dear Mr. Todd,

Being a frequent visitor to the Grand Lake Stream area, I am strongly opposed to LURC allowing First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Wind project. Too much time and money has been spent in evaluating and deciding the application for them to pull the application, make some changes, and resubmit it.

The permitting process judges each application against a list of criteria. These criteria are known by all parties involved, especially the applicant, and have been known since day one. No one can claim that these criteria have changed. The developer is trying to withdraw the application because it appears they will be denied the permit and they want to be able to modify it and start over again without penalty. They could have done this months ago but their arrogance would not allow it. Now, at the 11th hour, the applicant is screaming "no fair!" and wants a "do-over". The applicant's arguments are without substance.

To grant their request would be unfair to all the people who enjoy that network of lakes specifically because there are no turbines on the horizon.

To grant their request would be a slap in the face to all the people who have devoted so much time and money to educating LURC about the unique value of these lakes.

To grant their request would simply be wrong.

Sincerely,

Henry Longmire

Henry Longmire
Newburyport, MA

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Ms. Gwen Hilton, Chair
Land Use Regulation Commission
State House Station 22
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

Dear Ms. Hilton,

I am disappointed by First Wind's request to withdraw the Bowers Mountain wind project application. The Commission's preliminary vote to deny the project was courageous given the contentious and highly public nature of the wind issue. I believe it is the correct decision.

My wife and I have owned and operated Wheaton's Lodge on East Grand Lake for 33 years, and employ more fishing guides than any other lodge in Maine. We take our clients throughout the area to fish for various species, and to experience nature's bounty. The intimacy and unspoiled character of our waterways is very important to us.

In recent years, we have felt under assault by the blitzkrieg of industrial wind projects into eastern Maine, irrevocably altering our landscape and putting the traditional outdoor sporting economy at risk. There are places we simply do not go to anymore because of the negative overall experience to our guests. Sure the fish are there—but that is only a modest part of the equation. In northern Washington County, we are beginning to feel cornered.

Wilderness values are violated at a very low threshold of change. The first tower is certainly the most egregious, where there were none. With additional towers, the damage is incremental. The non-industrial landscape is perhaps our area's greatest virtue, and the essence of our tourism economy.

Denial of Bowers Mountain would give us a bit of breathing room. *Fewer* towers is only marginally better than *many* towers. Given the legal maneuvering presently underway, only a firm rejection of the original application can make this point.

Thanks for listening.

Yours sincerely,

Dale Wheaton

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Forest City, Maine 04413 (207) 448-7723 In Winter: (207) 843-5732

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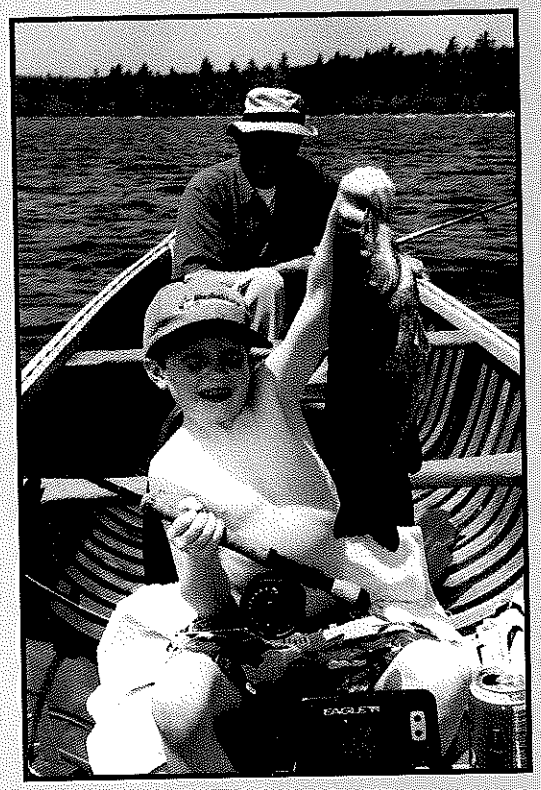
Forest City, Maine



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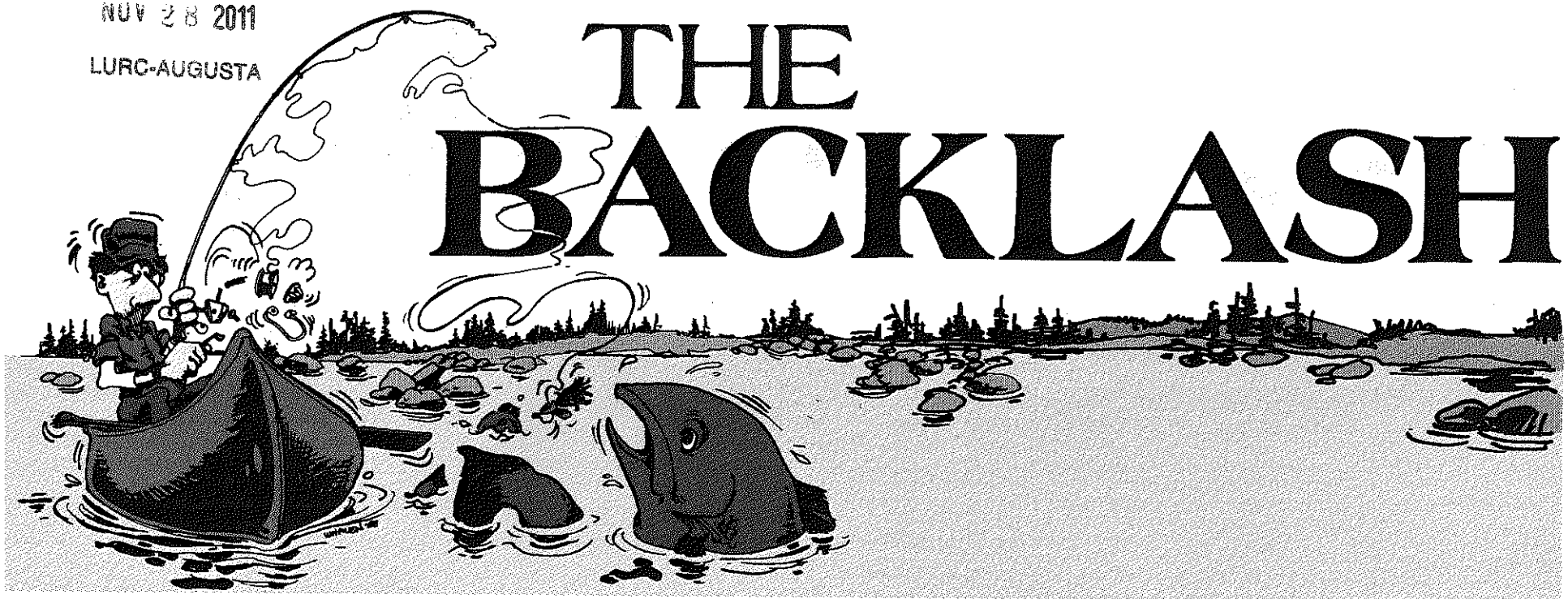
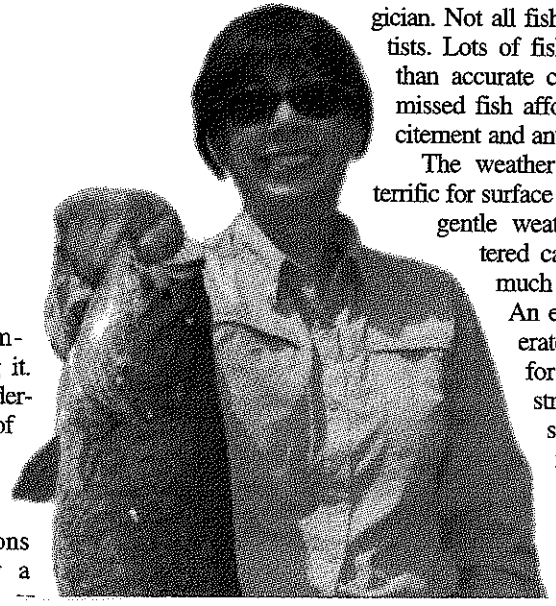


NEWS FROM WHEATON'S LODGE VOLUME XXVI SPRING 2011

Topwater is Tops!

There is nothing like catching a fish on the surface. It's the most exciting strike in all of fishing.

Since the late 1800s when Theodore Gordon carefully drifted his dry flies on the Neversink and Willowemoc, to the wooden bass plugs hurled with early baitcasting reels and cotton lines after World War II, to the wide array of modern surface lures which are improved by doing it. You learn to understand the mood of the fish. You begin to correlate the baits and presentations that best satisfy a



gician. Not all fish are rocket scientists. Lots of fish have taken less than accurate casts. And even a missed fish affords plenty of excitement and anticipation.

The weather last season was terrific for surface action. Warm and gentle weather patterns fostered calm surfaces over much of the summer. An early spring accelerated insect hatches for fly casters on the streams and got the smallmouths moving on the big water. We saw some splendid topwater fishing even when we

ety of gamefish. May and June are best for salmon and brookies. Bill Lucey of Andover, MA, took surface honors last June, fooling a four-pound landlock with a #14 Hendrickson. Rising temperatures and reduced stream flows normally slow the action for coldwater species by early July.

Late May, June, and September are the more reliable periods for bass on the surface. Spin fishermen do well with a variety of twitchbaits (e.g. Rapalas, etc.), poppers (e.g. Skitterpop, Hula Popper, Rebel Pop'r,) and so-called topwalkers (e.g. Tiny Torpedo, Zara Spook family.) The varieties are endless. Fly casters use traditional cork poppers, sliders, deer-hair bugs, and foam insects.

Good pickerel surface action is available throughout the summer, with the proper choice of waters. These toothy predators prefer weed cover, so the use of soft-plastic

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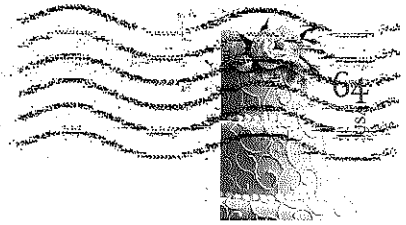

Ms. Gwen Hilton, Chair
LURC
State House Sta. #22
Augusta,
ME 04333-0022

From:	Donna Davidge
To:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Cc:	Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; Todd, Fred
Subject:	Please keep Bowers Project DP4889 Disallowed
Date:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011 2:55:54 PM

I am writing to ask you all (and Mr Todd for a second time) to uphold the decision LURC has made to keep wind turbines from ever being a possibility at Bowers Mountain for all the valid and viable reasons presented- livelihood of Maine guides and all else that makes no sense to jeopardize in these wind projects- Maine's reputation, wildlife and livelihood.

The projects are not energy efficient or cost effective for Maine.

thank you
Donna Sewall Davidge
Island falls Maine

From:	Todd, Fred
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	FW: public comments
Date:	Monday, December 05, 2011 12:49:00 PM
Attachments:	Deny Bowers Mt. Wind Project.msg DP#4889 comments.msg

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From: Todd, Fred
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2011 11:39 AM
To: Browne, Juliet; 'D. Gordon Mott'; 'David Corrigan'; Joy Prescott (joy.prescott@stantec.com); 'Kevin Gurall'; 'Neil Kiely'; Sean Mahoney
Cc: Carroll, Catherine M.; Horn-Olsen, Samantha; Mills, Amy
Subject: public comments

To: Bowers Parties

Attached are two personal comment emails received from persons who are members of the Partnership and who pre-filed testimony in advance of the Commission's evidentiary hearing on this matter. While nothing in the Chair's 14th Procedural Order specifically spoke to the filing of such comment, staff notes that the Chair's 3rd Procedural Order at IV.D, discouraged this type of activity. With that said, the attached public comments are being posted to the LURC website.

Relevant portion of Chair's 3rd Procedural Order: "D. Witnesses who pre-file testimony relating to any topic on behalf of a party in this matter will not be permitted to testify at either of the evening public sessions."

Frederick W. Todd, Project Planner
Land Use Regulation Commission
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Augusta, Maine 04333
207-287-8786
fred.todd@maine.gov

Nov 30, 2011

Dear Mr. Todd,

While we were very disappointed to hear that LURC denied First Wind's petition for the Bowers Mountain wind project, we totally support a modified plan for a Bowers Mountain wind project.

We hope LURC will re-evaluate their decision and support this opportunity to promote a green energy source.

Sincerely,

Tom Graybeal

Carol F. Graybeal
548 Brown Rd
Carroll Plt ME 04487

Dear Mr. Todd,

I am writing to support First Wind's Request to Withdraw the Permit. I live in Carroll Plantation and support the Windpark. I enjoy the sight of 5 Vestas Turbines a half mile from my house.

Our town will really benefit from this project First Wind deserves a chance to address concerns raised by the commission at the last meeting. Carroll Plantation deserves the same.

Sincerely

Annie White

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Carroll Plt ME 04487

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November 30, 2011

Fred Todd, Project Planner
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RE: Champlain Wind, LLC Bowers Wind Project

Dear Fred,

I am writing in support of the request by Champlain Wind, LLC to withdraw their application.

State policies recognize that grid scale wind power projects can offer a viable and sustainable alternative to imported oil and fossil fuels in general. Combined with our federal policies to encourage their development, wind projects present a number of opportunities to the people of Maine. However, it has also become clear that these projects present a number of challenges, especially to our state review agencies. To meet these challenges, the standards have been modified to create expedited review as well as address specific and peculiar concerns from potential impacts.

It is my understanding that scenic impact is the one issue that is still of regulatory concern for this project. It also appears that the standard, or at least the interpretation of the standard for addressing scenic impact has evolved during the processing of this application. As a stakeholder participant, I remember well Maine DEP efforts to establish a standard for scenic impact as far back as the mid-1980s and the host of issues we faced. 30 years, later, we are still wrestling with this issue.

Wind projects are very expensive to develop. It takes years and millions of dollars in planning and preparation just to bring a project to the state agency for review. It seems only reasonable to allow this applicant the opportunity to withdraw its application, reassess the regulatory environment, make changes and accommodations as deemed appropriate and then possibly resubmit with the full knowledge and understanding of the review criteria.

I have no dog in this fight, but as a long-time participant in developing Maine's natural resource policies and standards for review and permitting, I believe this is simply a matter of fairness. Just as important, I also believe that granting the applicant's request is needed to demonstrate that Maine regulators will work with applicants to ensure that projects will be given a reasonable opportunity to succeed. A successful project is one that is good for Maine as well as the developer. LURC should give Champlain Wind that opportunity.

I appreciate your long tenure of service to the people of Maine and taking the time to consider these comments; thank you.

Sincerely,

Ted Johnston.

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To: Fred Todd
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22 State House Station
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Fred.Todd@maine.gov

From: Tracy Allen
PO Box 765
Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

Dear Mr. Todd

I am writing in regards to First Wind/ Champlain winds recent request to withdraw its application for Bower's Mountain (DP 4889). Over the last 2 years – PPDLW, and other opponents, of the project have worked to expose the negative impacts this industrial wind complex would have on the DownEast Lakes region.

This was done through an intensive scenic impact study and letters/ testimony from people who work, live and vacation in the area; people who would be affected by the 27 towers. The commissioners took time to evaluate the plethora of information submitted by First Wind/ Champlain wind and by PPDLW and other opponents of the project. Based on their review – the commissioners voted to deny the permit at its October meeting; due to the adverse impact it would have on this scenic chain of lakes. First Wind's decision to suddenly withdraw the application for DP 4889 – after the commissioners voted to deny the application – is suspect.

I hope that on December 7, 2011 the commissioners will not only vote to refuse First Wind's request to withdraw their application but will also stick with its original decision to deny the project in its entirety.

Thank you

Tracy Allen

Tracy Allen

To: Land Use Regulation Commission

From: Ellen W. McLaughlin

Re: Opposition to Withdrawal of First Wind Bowers Mountain Application and Request that you Deny the Application.

Date: November 28, 2011

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am asking you to deny the request by First Wind to withdraw their application to build 28+ industrial wind turbines on Bowers Mountain in the scenic Down East Lakes area of Maine. I further request that you deny the application.

The Wind industry in Maine is not about green energy. It is all about money!* - and how much influence it can exert to persuade people to support their cause. The "little guy" in opposition does not have a chance against billions of federal tax dollars given to the wind industry for corporate lawyers, consultants, land purchases from timber companies and community handouts. The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission has been a **bright spot** in this drama over the building of 28+ industrial wind turbines on Bowers Mountain. **Please deny the withdrawal of their application and then deny the application once and for all!** This is the "right" thing to do for this scenic pristine Down East Lakes area.

I have one other concern. I have emailed the consultant hired by First Wind to do their wildlife impact study asking for his academic credentials and certification. He says he is a Certified Ecologist. What does that mean? The Ecological Society of America is the primary certifier of ecologists and they have four levels of certification. I never received a reply even after several attempts at communication. This puts the whole study into question for me.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ellen W. McLaughlin

Ellen W. McLaughlin
Professor Emeritus Biology
Samford University, Birmingham, AL

Summer Resident
96 Windy Shores
Lakeville, Maine o4487

Winter Resident
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*In 2007, Wind Developers received $666 million dollars in tax subsidies. In 2011, Wind Developers will receive $2.6 billion dollars per year for the next 10 years. This $26 billion is even more than the $20 billion received by Big Oil over the same time period. (Address to US Senate by Senator Lamar Alexander May 18, 2011. Entered into the Congressional Record).

*This is from an article in the Wall Street Journal. "Gabriel Alonso, who runs one of America's biggest wind farm developers, often reminds his employees their goal isn't to stage a renewable-energy revolution. ' This is about making money,' the Chief Executive of Horizon Wind Energy LLC. tells his troops." (Wall Street Journal April 5, 2011 pg. B1).

From:	Doug Humphrey
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	doug humphrey
Subject:	Bowers Wind project
Date:	Monday, December 05, 2011 1:18:31 PM

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

Dear Mr. Todd:

I am the owner of Bowers Mountain, which is host to a significant portion of the Bowers Wind Project. I bought the land and embraced the Maine tradition of keeping it open for hunting and other recreational activities by many people, including guides. I am proud of my land, but I am also realistic. Like much of the surrounding area, it is primarily commercial timberland and it has been harvested hard prior to my ownership.

This project represents a classic win-win situation, where the landowner makes economic use of his land and the outdoor enthusiasts have access to many acres of forest - without the need for an organized park, I might add. This balance is increasingly difficult to maintain, however, and wind power is exactly the type of economic development that will allow that dual land use to continue.

As a landowner, I was dismayed to learn that even though the Bowers project is zoned for wind power, met all the numerous environmental requirements for siting a wind farm, would have a tremendous positive financial impact on a financially struggling community, it apparently was slated to be denied because of the view of the turbines from the lakes to the south. I think it is fundamentally unfair to deny a landowner the ability to develop his land for an allowed use simply because some people do not want to look at wind turbines.

My understanding is that First Wind would like to withdraw its application and attempt to address the visual concerns raised by LURC. Given the amount of time and money spent to date to do all the studies and planning required by LURC for the permit, the landowner rights issues at stake and the interests of Carroll and Kossuth, it seems more than reasonable to afford First Wind an opportunity to try to address this last remaining issue. Please do whatever is possible to allow a project to move forward.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Doug Humphrey

From: Shannon Jordan
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Letter from Kirk Ritchie
Date: Monday, December 05, 2011 10:49:26 AM
Attachments: LURC1211.doc

Attached is a letter that I am forwarding on behalf of Kirk Ritchie. Thank you!

From:	Conant"s
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	December LURC meeting/First Wind
Date:	Sunday, December 04, 2011 4:39:21 PM

We are again writing you, to request that LURC (on December 7th) goes with their original straw vote and PLEASE deny First Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Mountain wind project. This is the right thing to do, for the West Grand Lake region and the State of Maine. If this project goes through, it will be a devastating blow to this very special area.

It is with regret, that we are unable to make the trip to Lincoln from Raymond for the meeting on Wednesday, due to work constraints.

We ask that you please uphold your decision, and say "no" to First Wind.

Thank you for your time.
Tici & Gary Conant
Raymond/Lakeville

From:	Barbara Melia
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	catherine.m.carroll@maine.go; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers Project
Date:	Sunday, December 04, 2011 12:02:38 PM

LURC Commissioners

Please do not allow the applicant, First Wind to redraw, amend, and resubmit their application.
I am encouraging you to do the right thing and deny DP4889 and stick to your original straw pole results. Thank you for your inegrity and service to the people of Maine.

Barbara Melia
Middletown, Ct 06457

From: Joe and Robin Johnson
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mt. wind project
Date: Sunday, December 04, 2011 11:17:00 AM

I am writing to request that LURC stand firm in its denial of FirstWind's application for construction of wind turbines on Bower's Mt. Having spent time in the area of West Grand Lake, I feel this project would have an irrevocable negative effect on an area of rare and pristine natural beauty. Please do not allow FirstWind to game the system by withdrawing their application now in an attempt to receive different consideration in the future.

I ask that you give long-term preservation of this beautiful region of lakes and streams precedence over the short-term financial gain of an out-of-state corporation.

Thank you,
James Johnson

From: Roseberry Suzanne
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Project P4889
Date: Sunday, December 04, 2011 11:16:11 AM

While I am in favor of alternative and clean forms of energy, I am opposed to putting wind towers in a place that is so close to where people live and vacation. Maine is a big state with a lot of wilderness. There must be alternatives to this beautiful area.

Suzanne Roseberry

From: Becky Lachtman
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Wind
Date: Sunday, December 04, 2011 9:42:32 AM

Hi,

I have mixed feelings about wind energy generation, but since my sister has property on Junior Lake and has strong feelings about the adverse effects of the turbines, I support her desire not to have the turbines installed there.

Becky

From: sunshine8146@yahoo.com
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Project
Date: Sunday, December 04, 2011 8:32:02 AM

LURC Commissioners,

Please do not allow the applicant, First Wind to redraw, amend, and resubmit their application. I am encouraging you to do the right thing and deny DP4889 and stick to you original straw pole results. Thank you for your integrity and service to the people of Maine.

Jen Duguay
143 Spring St
Middletown, CT 06457

Please preserve the natural beauty of Maine!!!!

From:	David Wilson
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers Project
Date:	Sunday, December 04, 2011 8:00:38 AM

LURC Commissioners,

Please do not allow the applicant, First Wind to redraw, amend, and resubmit their application. I am requesting you to stick to your original straw poll results and deny DP4889, the Bowers Project. Thank you for your integrity and service to the people of Maine.

David Wilson
379 Bow Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
(property owner Bowers Mtn, Carroll, ME)

From:	Lisa Wilson
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers Project
Date:	Sunday, December 04, 2011 7:51:25 AM

LURC Commissioners,

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Lisa Wilson
379 Bow Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
(property owner Bowers Mtn, Carroll, ME)

From: remltr@optonline.net
To: Todd, Fred; Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; jtalc58909@aol.com
Subject: Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date: Sunday, December 04, 2011 5:22:00 AM

Hello,

My Name is James A Talcott. I am writing in regards to The First Wind/Champlain Wind Bowers Mountain Wind Project. My family has owned a camp in the Town of Lakeville for nearly 10 years. As a non-Mainer and resident of lower NYS (Long Island, NY) we have had the privilege to experience some of the most beautiful country in the US in the great State of Maine. As a resident of NYS, I have seen many a place destroyed by the "progress" of man. When my family and I contemplated a place to "escape" to, the first place that came to mind was....of course...Maine. In a state that prides itself in the motto " worth a visit, worth a lifetime.", my family chose your great state in order to avoid the lifetime of man's "progress". Believe me when I tell you that I am a firm believer in the conservation and stewardship of these great lands. However, an unproven and heavily subsidized alternative to fossil fuel energy is not the answer. We all don't like the result of harvesting, using and by-products created by the use of fossil fuels but until the technology is available to create energy more efficiently, we must not jump to hastily conceived conclusions. The development of thousands of acres in the Bowers Mountain area would not only be detrimental to the economy of a people that lend itself towards tourism, it will have an environmental impact that cannot be truly foreseen. Accordingly, it will also have an impact on future tourism and potential "escapees" such as my family. In addition, as a resident of the North East Coast, a Wind Turbine farm maybe more well-suited off-shore where winds are strongest. Is the land around the coast of Kennebunkport, Cape Cod, Manhattan, The Jersey Shore, DC, Virginia Beach or Miami less deserving of a Wind Turbine Farm? Is Bowers Mountain the ideal geographical location, or is it the most socioeconomic area available? These are decisions that cannot be considered half heartedly. In conclusion, I implore you to use your great judgement in this matter. Not only stand by your earlier convictions of October, but also to deny any withdrawal and resubmission of the application DP4889. Your understanding and wisdom is greatly appreciated in this matter.
Sincerely,
James A Talcott

From:	Maureen Cook
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Please Deny First Wind Desire to Withdraw Application and Deny Further Bower Mountain Applications
Date:	Saturday, December 03, 2011 4:34:29 PM

Much has already been researched and written about the feasibililty of topping the Bower range with wind turbines in the scenic Down East Lakes area of Maine--the major long term impact being violation of the natural beauty of the area. PLease continue to deny the requests that will continue to come. Thank you.
Maureen Cook, Birmingham, AL

From:	Mike
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	David Corrigan
Subject:	new LURC members
Date:	Saturday, December 03, 2011 4:15:21 PM

Hello from Lincoln

I attended the LURC hearing in Lincoln where Toby Hammond stated he thought wind turbines were no big deal, people would get used to them. That shows a preconceived fantasy not a proven fact. If Toby was correct, we would not be hearing all the protest and rancor from Europe. Surely after 15 to 20 years, Europeans would be used to the turbines and as Toby predicts not even notice them. I would ask, why then are there over 500 anti wind groups in Europe and more still forming? Toby says turbines are like trains and jake bakes , society accepts them. Again I disagee. Both evoke protests and zoning and even though the noise is short term people do not get used to it. Much worse are wind turbines which make noise for days on end. If the height was the only problem that could be ignored, but when the height coupled with the noise and spinning blades and blinking lights is added it becomes disruptive. That is wrong and wrong for officials to sugar coat obvious problems and try to push their fantasy world onto the reality the rest of us live in. I wonder if Toby would have the same "get used to it" attitude if some outfit were opening strip clubs in evey town in Maine or if drugs and prostitution were legalized? Would people get used to it? Both scenarios would provide jobs and tax dollars, but would that make it OK? Is money all that matters? Of course not.

Please educate the new LURC members and do not let them ignor the science and simply promote their own fallacious dogma.

Please deny the Bowers project on the 7th. That area should have been off limits in the first place, showing that the hand picked task force had other interests in mind than protecting the Maine outdoors and traditional ways of life.

Thank you.

Mike DiCenso Lincoln 794-2107

From:	Ken & Jeannine
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	First Wind"s application withdrawal
Date:	Saturday, December 03, 2011 9:56:38 AM

Dear Mr Todd and all LURC members,

As land owners in both Carroll Plt. and Lakeville (Keg Lake) we respectfully request that you do not allow the withdrawal of First Wind's permit application. It's been documented by many that the wind turbines on Bowers and Dill mountains are not a beneficial endenvor for many reasons. A withdrawal will only allow them with all their backing to pursue the application again. Please respect the "little guy" in this fight.

Thank You!

Yours Truly,
Kenneth and Jeannine Ouellette

From:	Dick Mally
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Project [DP4889]
Date:	Saturday, December 03, 2011 5:23:06 AM

Ladies and gentlemen,
My name is Dick Mally and my wife and I operate Camp Bailey on Junior Lake in Lakeville Maine. We purchased our property several years ago, built the Camp, then moved here from Virginia in 2004 and now reside here year round. When we purchased our property and moved here, we had no idea that we would be confronted a few years later with the possibility of a wind farm on the horizon.

As a Maine business man, let me share an observation with you. Since we've moved here, we've had a significant number of individuals visit here for hunting, fishing, four wheeling, snow sledding, and just kicked back vacationing. The reason people come to this part of Maine to vacation and spend time varies. They talk about the great recreational area, natural scenery, tranquility, and a place to get away from the city life and steel horizons. Never have I heard mentioned that someone came here in hopes of seeing a wind farm!!

I urge you to use whatever pride, common sense, and legislative authority available to you to ensure the Bowers Mountain Wind Project is never allowed to develop. We cannot afford to continue giving up the natural characteristics of Maine for which it is so well known

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion and requests with you.

Best Regards,
Dick Mally
207-738-2373
dick@campbailey.com

From:	VALERIE APONIK
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers mtn project
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 8:56:39 PM

Dear Mr Todd,

Thank you for your work with the LURC in consideration of the proposed Bowers Mountain Wind Project.

I would like to add my voice to those that oppose the project location in one of our premier areas of Maine. The Grand Lake system is a gem that should be protected for the immediate and foreseeable future.

I have enjoyed canoeing the lake system and appreciated the natural landscape for it's daytime canoeing, fishing, and creative inspiration necessary for my business as an artist Camping along the lakes are an opportunity that rivals the experiences I have had in Baxter State Park. I think this area is where people come to appreciate Maine's waterways and mountains in an unspoiled state. Windmills and light strobes in this area would spoil the pristine environment.

I am not against wind power. I am against the placement in one of our important fishing, vacation and wild areas so important to the people of Maine. Let's protect the Maine Brand. Wind Power has a place in more careful consideration of impact on our Maine Economy.

Thank You
Valerie Aponik
Great Wass Studio
PO Box 226
Beals, ME 04611
207 497 3442

From:	SG Clark
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Industrial Wind Turbines at Bottle Lake
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 8:39:19 PM

Dear Members of the Land Use Regulation Commission,

I am asking you to 1) deny the request by First Wind to withdraw their application to build 28+ industrial wind turbines on Bowers Mountain in the scenic Down East Lakes area of Maine and 2) I further request that you then deny the whole application because the state and federal governments recognize Down East Lakes as a unique scenic area.
Sincerely,

Sue S. Clark
P.O Box 311
East Barre, VT 05649

From: G&S
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mt. Project
Date: Friday, December 02, 2011 1:05:41 PM

Dear Mr. Todd, I am a lifelong resident of Carroll Plt., and my wife and I are both retired educators. It was with dismay that we heard the news that LURC had voted against the Bowers Mt. wind project. For the first time in the history of our town, we have a chance with First Wind to better our town with a major industrial project.....a "green Project" to boot. We are seeing wind projects being built all around us(Stetson Mt. and the Lincoln Rollins Mt Project). Simply because the Bowers Mt. towers may be visable to residents of Lakeville and the Grand Lake Stream area, I don't see this as a viable reason to stop the Bowers Mt. project. Anybody that enjoys the West Grand Lake system, will continue to use those waters regardless of towers or not. In regards to the folks that use the argument that this project will destroy valuable wildlife habitat and forest, I would say they really haven't visited Bowers Mt. in the last few yrs. This area has been devasted by heavy-handed commercial harvesting, so a few wind towers will certainly have NO impact on the forest or wildlife. It appears to me that a few well-connected folks in the area , along with "flat-landers" from southern Maine and elsewhere, have wielded a lot of influence to kill this project. I am asking you and LURC to grant First Wind their request to withdraw its permit application, so that they may respond to concerns that your group has raised. It is my hope and that of many others living in this small rural town, that Lurc will see thru the influence and grant this request, and in finality, grant the application so that this project can come to fruition. Sincerely, Gary Osgood

From:	Bob Pelletier
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	First Wind/Champlain Wind Bowers Mountain Wind Project [DP4889]
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 12:48:12 PM

Commissioners, et al,

I would first like to applaud the LURC Commissioners for their unanimous vote on October 19, 2011 to deny the First Wind application because First Wind and their attorney, Juliet Browne of Verill Dana, failed to prove that the Bowers Wind project would not have an unreasonably adverse scenic impact on this large and historic watershed. I firmly believe that this is the best possible decision that could be made regarding this process.

It has now come to my attention that First Wind has requested that their application be withdrawn so that they can "reconfigure the project" to address the concerns of the Commission regarding the visual impact standard that has developed. The Commission did their due diligence in evaluating the impact that the proposed wind towers would make on the area affecting the beauty of the area, vacationing and the livelihood of many guides and businesses in the area. I don't see any way that changing words or descriptions about these huge towers could possibly change the visual impact they would have on the area. For these reasons and many others I respectfully ask you to uphold your denial and not allow First wind to withdraw their application so they can come back with a new proposal and for the Commission to spend more of the taxpayer's dollars re-evaluating some impossible way for the visual impact of the proposed towers to be eliminated.

Respectfully,

Bob Pelletier
Property Owner
14 Half Pint Lane
Lakeville, ME

Mailing address
118 Wildwood Rd
Vernon, CT 06066

From: nan45@midmaine.com
To: Todd, Fred
Cc: Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject: Bowers Mountaine and Dill Hill
Date: Friday, December 02, 2011 12:39:52 PM

My name is Nancy Hazelwood Sprague; my father, Robert Hazelwood, and I own and operate a cottage rental business on the eastern shore of West Grand Lake at Kitchen Cove Point. We will be able to see ALL of the wind turbines at Bowers Mountain and Dill Hill from our location
I understand that there are guidelines regarding the permitting process. Since the Commissioners have voted to direct the Staff to deny First Wind's application for wind turbines in Carroll and Kossuth, can you allow First Wind to withdraw their application at such a late date?
If I knew I was going to fail in an endeavor, and I summarily decided to withdraw because of the impending denial, is this valid within the guidelines?

If First Wind is allowed to withdraw their application, can they then 'boast' of a 100% success-rate? This doesn't seem fair to me.

Nan Sprague
Hazelwood's Cottages
207-796-5364

From:	Richard Anderson
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject:	First Wind Bowers Mountain application, request for withdradal
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 12:28:46 PM

Hello Fred and LURC Commissioners:

As a former Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, I can appreciate that some decisions are tougher or more complex that others. However, First Wind's request to withdraw their application in order to try to meet your evolving scenic standards, seems pretty straightforward to me. Every applicant should have the opportunity to improve their project after receiving feedback at a hearing. That seems only fair and reasonable and to do otherwise would unfairly penalize the applicant.

If you acknowledge that your scenic standards have been evolving, how can an applicant be expected to meet standards that were not even developed at the time of application?

This project has been years in the making, cost untold millions of dollars to develop and, in my opinion should be approved. It will supply renewable energy to thousands of homes. Short of changing its position, LURC should, at the very least, allow First Wind to withdraw its application so that they can explore ways to meet these new scenic standards. While one could argue that the process which led to this situation was anything but fair, to disallow their request would be really unreasonable,

With little or no environmental impacts, many workers were depending on this project being approved and anticipating the chance to build the project starting early next year. For their sake and in the interest of giving all applicants a fair chance to meet your changing standards, I urge you to grant this request to withdraw their application.

Richard B. Anderson
4 Island Street
Portland, Maine 04103

From:	Paul Cook
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Deny request by First Wind to withdraw their application to build wind turbines on Brower Mountain
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 11:39:04 AM

Dear Members of the Land Use Regulation Commission,

I am asking you to 1) deny the request by First Wind to withdraw their application to build 28+ industrial wind turbines on Bowers Mountain in the scenic Down EastLakes area of Maine and 2) I further request that you then deny thewhole application because the state andfederal governments recognize Down EastLakes as a unique scenic area.

Sincerely,

Paul Cook
2219 S Westmoreland Dr
Orlando, FL 32805
and Yearly Visitor to Lakeville, Maine

From:	Debbie Cook
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Deny First Wind's Bower's Mountain Wind Turbine Application Withdrawal and then Deny Application for Whole Project.
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 11:25:34 AM

Topic: Deny First Wind's Bower's Mountain Wind Turbine Application Withdrawal and then Deny Application for Whole Project.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Cook
150 Springwood Trail
Altamonte Springs, FL 32713
and yearly visitor to Lakeville, Maine

From:	Debbie Cook
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Wind Turbine Project
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 11:20:58 AM

Topic: Deny First Wind's Bower's Mountain Wind Turbine Application Withdrawal and then Deny Application for Whole Project.

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Sincerely,

Debbie Cook
150 Springwood Trail
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

From:	Margaret Thickstun
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mtn Withdrawal Request
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 10:39:19 AM

Dear Mr. Todd--I am the president of Darrow Foundation, which operates Darrow Wilderness Camp in the West Grand Lake, Junior Lake, and Sysladobsis watershed. I write to urge in the strongest possible terms that the Commission to reject First Wind's request to withdraw its application. I urge the Commission instead to move forward in its determination to reject the application itself. The Bowers Mountain wind farm would seriously degrade the scenic quality of that watershed.

Darrow Camp has been sending groups of young people on wilderness canoe trips on this watershed for more than 50 years. The Bowers Mountain windfarm would destroy the sense of wilderness that allows us to operate our business in Washington County.

First Wind has had its chance to make a case for the wind farm. It is time to allow the residents of the county to move on with their livelihoods.

Sincerely,

Margaret Olofson Thickstun
President, Darrow Foundation
Mailing address: Box 11, Hanover, ME 04237
Summer address: P. O. Box 9, Grand Lake Stream, Maine 04637
Location: "The Birches" on West Grand Lake's Junior Bay, Township 5ND
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Margaret Olofson Thickstun
President, Darrow Foundation
Box 11
Hanover, Me 04237

From: Scott Gundy
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Wind Application Withdrawal
Date: Friday, December 02, 2011 10:28:29 AM

Dear Mr.Todd,

I apologize in getting this letter to you last minute but I want to put in my opposition to LURC allowing first Wind to withdraw their application for the Bowers Wind project. I can hardly believe that after all the time and money that has been spent in evaluating and deciding the application that they think they can pull the application now, make some changes, and then resubmit it.

The permitting process and the criteria for judging each application was known by all parties involved, especially the applicant. Nothing has changed - the developer is trying to withdraw the application because it appears they will be denied the permit and they want to be able to modify it and start over again without penalty.

To grant their request would be unfair to all the people who enjoy that network of lakes specifically because there are no turbines on the horizon. To grant their request would be a slap in the face to all the people who have devoted so much time and money to educating LURC about the unique value of these lakes. It is simply wrong to grant their request at this point.

Most sincerely,

William Scott Gundy
6 Walker Road
Manchester, MA 01944

Someone who enjoys this incredible area each year.

From: Kathryn Walsh Roseberry
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Project DP4889
Date: Friday, December 02, 2011 9:36:22 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you and the other LURC commissioners for all of your time and efforts to study and evaluate First Winds proposed project on Bowers Mountain. The "straw pole" taken by the commissions to deny First Winds project was felt, my me, as a profound relief. Having been fortunate enough to have spent many wonderful weeks in this area, both in summer and winter, I was overwhelmed that the commission wanted this area to remain in its natural state.

My personal decision to "deny" First Winds project, did not come overnight. If it had been shown that this project could provide a continued source of local jobs, lower electricity bills, or not damage the local economy, I might not be writing to you. What forced me to the "deny" side was the visual impact of the turbines from all of the lakes surrounding this project. As someone who has canoed over most of this area, it was heartbreaking to think that this view would be forever distorted by the turbines.

It is my hope that the commission will deny First Winds proposal to withdraw, amend and resubmit their application for the Bowers Mountain project.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.

Kathryn W. Roseberry
39 Leighton Street
Bangor, ME 04401

From:	Wally Campbell
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	First Wind Denial
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 8:50:39 AM

As a land owner on Bottle Lake, I would encourage you to stick to your original straw vote and deny First Wind's Bowers Mountain application. First Wind is playing games with the political system for their benefit and not that of the citizens of Maine.

Wallace D Campbell

Darcy O. Campbell

29 Windy Shores Rd

Lakeville, Maine

From:	Kim Cook-Gerbracht
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Deny First Wind's Bower's Mountain Wind Turbine Application Withdrawal and then Deny Application for Whole Project.
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 8:46:23 AM

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Sincerely,

Kimberly E. Gerbracht

1331 Briard St.

Wantagh, NY 11793

From:	jtalcott
To:	Todd, Fred; Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C; govornor@maine.govd
Subject:	Re: Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date:	Friday, December 02, 2011 12:34:28 AM

James M. Talcott and Chae Y. Talcott
83 Colonial Street
East North port, NY 11731

242 Sys Road
Lakeville, Maine

-----Original Message-----
From: jtalc58909@aol.com
To: fred.todd ; Catherine.M.Carroll ; kenneth.c.fletcher ; govornor
Sent: Thu, Dec 1, 2011 7:25 pm
Subject: Bowers Mountain Wind Project

We totally disagree with the mentioned project and the developers wish to withdraw their application at this point in the project. Theirs is but a ploy to try and get this project passed by backdoor means after having received a preliminary judgment of NO by the LURC Commission. We would urge the commissioners to stand by their original decision to deny this project and to deny First Wind the ability to withdraw their application.

We are camp and landowners in Lakeville, owning approximately one hundred acres on Bear Mountain and Upper Sysladobsis Lake. This watershed is a picturesque and valuable resource that should not be scarred by the erection of industrial wind towers and irreperably damaged by the associated destruction of the environment. Please stand by your original decision. Thank you.

James M. Talcott and Chae Y. Talcott
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From:	Dbsnowjr
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Wind Turbines on Bower Mountain
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 10:06:53 PM

My name is David Snow and I own a camp with 300 acres of land on East Grand Lake. I have owned property for my entire life (57 years) in the Grand Lakes region. My family has lived in the area since 1905. I am extremely concerned about the destruction of our pristine Maine environment with industrial wind farms that are not at all viable economically without enormous subsidies. It is particularly appalling that residents of Maine who follow the regulatory rules and say "no" to wind turbines are not able to rest assured that the rules won't be bent to accommodate the developers of these eye sores we call wind farms. While we see the voice of the resident ignored over and over again all across the state, I am writing specifically about the Bower Mountain wind farm application from First Wind. The peoples' voice has been heard in this case and LURC is rejecting the application due to "visual impact." The applicant is now asking to withdraw, amend, and resubmit their application at a further date. You can not "fix" the visual impact of a wind farm. This is gamesmanship that should not be allowed. I believe that this is a tactic to stall by First Wind as they look for a more favorable organizational structure and more favorable regulators next year. Please allow the voice of the people to be heard and stop the destruction of our pristine environment. Please let LURC do their job and follow the rules. In this case First WInd has lost please make them move on! Deny their application to "withdraw, amend, and resubmit" their application. Thank you. .... David B. Snow

From:	Lois
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Deny First Wind"s withdrawal and deny whole project on Bower"s Mtn.
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 8:02:06 PM

Topic: Deny First Wind's Bower's Mountain Wind Turbine Application Withdrawal and then Deny Application for Whole Project.

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Sincerely

Walter and Lois Cook

1331 Briard St. Wantagh, NY

owners of property on Bottle Lake, Lakeville, ME because of its scenic beauty

From:	Susan Hyland
To:	Todd, Fred; Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; senator@kevinraye.com; McFadden, RepHoward
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 6:51:06 PM

LURC Commissioners:
Please stick by your decision to DENY BOWERS MOUNTAIN. Please do it on December 7th and end the process as originally intended. First Wind's attempt to prolong the process in hopes of an outcome that better suits them (and no one else!) must be thwarted. Yes, THWARTED! (a great word that doesn't see much use nowadays)
You are entrusted with the protection of what we hold most dear in this beautiful State of Maine. Preserve the beauty of the Downeast lakes region. *Preserve the jobs* of those who rely on natural beauty for their livelihoods---that's most of us in this tourism-dependent state.
Deny the Bowers Mountain project on December 7th.

Sincerely,
Susan Hyland
Franklin, Maine

From:	Paul Alexandre John
To:	Todd, Fred; Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; senator@kevinraye.com; McFadden, RepHoward
Subject:	Bowers/DP4889
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 6:33:21 PM

Dear LURC Commissioners,

You have decided to deny an application put forward by First Wind for the Bowers Mountain project. First Wind has made their own decision---they don't like your decision and want to engineer a new decision. *You have done your job well*, yet First Wind won't let it rest. First Wind thinks they can prevail with legal wrangling and (taxpayers') money. Don't let them!!
Continue to protect the resources of the people of Maine. Please stick with your decision to deny the Bowers Mountain project on December 7th.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Paul Alexandre John
Eastbrook. Maine

From: Lou Cataldo
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date: Thursday, December 01, 2011 5:11:34 PM

To Lurc Commitioners, Thank you for voteing against this project at your meeting. I am a 4th generation Grand Lake Stream Guide and Guiding is how I provide for my family. Generations of people in area have spent their whole lives trying to keep the Grand Lake Stream area a favorite destination for people from all over the world. We really appriciate you helping us continue our work. Allowing First wind to put an industrial wind project within the veiw shed of West Grand Lake would definatly cripple our work and hurt our bussiness. Please do not let First Wind pull their application .Stick to your origanal straw vote and diney First Winds application. Thank you for your time, Louis Cataldo 1st selectmen Grand Lake Stream

From:	Layton Day
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	DP4889 Bowers
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 5:09:09 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

My name is Layton Day. My wife, Lorri, and I have property on Junior lake. We chose this location as the spot for our future retirement because of the quality of place. We were very happy to hear that the LURC commissioners voted unanimously in the straw vote to deny the Bowers application, permit number DP4889, during the October meeting for the same reason we want to locate there.

I understand that vote may be in jeopardy due to the applicants desire to withdraw the application and resubmit at a future date. I urge the commissioners to uphold their decision to deny and not let the lawyers play games with this one-of-a-kind place in Maine.

You are the stewards of some of the most precious resources that Maine has to offer. Please do not waste our resources on this kind of development.

Layton Day
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Lakeville, Me 04487

From:	marvin nancy allen
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bower Mountain
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 4:09:21 PM

My name is Marvin Allen, Hallowell, Maine. I am a land owner and camp owner in Carroll Plantation. I have attended the meetings between First Wind and the townspeople, as well as your public hearings. I was in attendance when you held your straw vote to deny this application, and was very impressed with the thoughtful and very informed presentations I heard from each of the panel members. After having seen the devastation industrial wind has caused to my old hunting areas on Stetson Mountain, I was extremely pleased that your vote was to deny this application.

I am now very distributed that they now want to pull, revamp, and resubmit this application. Having served three terms on the planning board in Litchfield, Maine, this move is very suspect in my mind. I feel that they are gaming the system and hoping to come back to a very changed LURC board, or to possibly to the DEP for a rubber stamp, as they have done for wind projects in the past with no public hearings. They have no real opportunity to mitigate the visual impact that the commissioners decided to vote to deny on, they're just trying to stall in order to
have a potentially more favorable LURC structure/members next year. Or possibly hoping that your board will not exist next year.

Since I have copied the Governor on this letter, I'll throw my two cents worth in on that proposal. I feel that dismantling LURC will have a long reaching and potentially devastating effect on our state. Having served on a small town planning board, I can attest to the fact that small towns do not have the talented and educated board members that LURC provides. We need informed and educated deliberation of these issues for rural Maine at a level a rural town just cannot provide. Small town boards, through no fault of their own, are too easily swayed by smooth talk and cheap promises of benefits for their towns.

All that said, I implore you to stand firm and issue the promised denial of this project on December 7th. Anything less puts a vast portion of scenic rural Maine at risk. Once it is allowed to be destroyed, it will take millions of years for nature to repair the damage we have permit.

Regards,
Marvin Allen
11 Stickney Terrace Unit 39
Hallowell, Maine 04347
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From: David R. Darrow
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mtn. Withdrawal Request
Date: Thursday, December 01, 2011 3:38:32 PM

Fred,

Please include my voice with those demanding that the Commission reject out of hand Champlain Wind's request that LURC allow them to withdrawal their application, and then change it and resubmit trying to explain away the devastating effect that this project would have on the scenic quality of this special region of Maine.

In the first place, there's no way they can dress this application up enough to make any such explanation hold water, as I think the Commission fundamentally understands that this project would enormously degrade the wilderness character of these lakes and the viability of the local businesses that rely on that character as a primary element of their business models.

And certainly, allowing them to say that they learned new information during the process that is compelling enough to be allowed a second bite of the apple flies in the face of fairness. That their "new information" was only discovered AFTER the public comment period was closed and the Commission had voted to deny the application is suspect. They want the Commission to consider new evidence that's going to convince them to reverse their decision, forcing those of us in opposition to go through the whole expensive, time consuming process all over again, just because they don't like the probable outcome.

This is just a tactic to exhaust the opposition. Most of us are small business people with neither the time or resources to be constantly fighting off these kinds of encroachments. Is this going to be just another story about regulatory capture? About a government agency instituted to protect the interests of the citizens, but winds up making decisions based on who has the most money? So far, I've been impressed with LURC's evenhandedness. First Wind had its chance to make the best argument possible for the installation of this project. That they couldn't overcome the objections isn't a reason to give them a chance to overcome them later. While the Expedited Wind Power Act was intended to speed things up for the developers, and First Wind was a beneficiary of that fast track with this application, the opposition deserves to have the Commission's decision expedited as well, in a situation such as this when denial of the application is so clearly called for.

Sincerely,

David R. Darrow

From:	jack gagnon
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject:	governor@maine.gov
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 3:28:49 PM

PLEASE!! I urge you, on December 7, to re-iterate the decision made at the last LURC review of the Bowers Mountain wind proposal, and deny First Wind any reconsideration of this application. First Wind has demonstrated their intention to get around the will of LURC, and the decision of citizens of Maine to reject their proposal. First Wind has one motive: Profit, at any cost to everyone else. PLEASE DENY THEIR APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSE THIS PROPOSAL DOWN FOR GOOD.

thank you

jack gagnon
lakeville, maine

From:	gooseisland2@myfairpoint.net
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 1:56:52 PM

Dear Mr Todd, I'm writing to express my distress that First Wind/Champlain Wind Bowers Mountain may try once again to obfuscate the issue at hand by withdrawing it's application on project DP4889. As an impacted property owner in Lakeville, on Junior Lake, this abomination is altogether inappropriate. I urge you and your fellows at LURC to drive a stake through the heart of this application once and for all. Best regards, Gary and Virginia Chard and family

From:	Matt Small
To:	Governor; Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Cc:	Todd, Fred; SenatorRaye@wwsisp.com; senator@kevinraye.com
Subject:	Nowers Mountain
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 1:40:22 PM

As we get closer to December 7th I want to just remind you how important this issue is to the people of Maine. Please protect our resources. Thank you for your time.

Matt Small
East Grand Lake

Dear LURC Commissioners,

I understand that First Wind has withdrawn their application for the Bowers Mountain project in the face of a unanimous vote of the LURC to deny the project on December 7. I have also learned that a point of order was called which allows First Wind to make an argument for withdrawal on December 7th and that the vote will then be in January. This is why I contact you today.

I have been following this proposal for the last 9 months and have been a citizen supporter to preserve our lakes and mountains from industrial development. I understand the Baldacci plan to become a leader in Wind Power but while doing so we need to protect our unique natural resources. The West Grand Watershed is clearly one of Maine's most prized environmental assets. Please continue to protect it from industrial development because in doing so not only are you protecting this resource but you are also setting precedent that Maine's unique and valuable watersheds are off limits to industrial development. I hope you set a huge precedent by voting this project down. It will provide future generations of Mainers and out of Staters with respite from this crazy world even if it is just a fishing trip with the guys or a paddle on the lake with their 8 year old daughter. For many of us our lakes and mountains are the only place where we can get away from it all and find peace. Please protect our resources.

Matt Small
East Grand Lake

Matt Small, LCSW
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HarborFamilyServices.org

From:	Kim Vose
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 1:35:57 PM

To all concerned,

I am a teacher, and a Maine Guide. I have been a Guide for 26 years. I really have trouble even thinking of why anyone would even consider putting these wind towers up in such a pristine location. People come to this area from all over the world, because of the scenery, recreation, fishing, hunting, frienship, etc. Do you think they or us want to look up at wind towers. No! Look at all the work the DLLT has done to preserve this beutiful area. Why put towers in to ruin all this. It really does amaze me. I hope you all think real hard on this very important issue, and make the right decision.

Thank-you, Charles Vose

From:	karen sprague
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bower"s application
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 1:32:45 PM

Dear Folks,

We are Kenny and Karen Sprague of Grand Lake Stream. We are year round residents. Kenny grew up here and we moved to Grand Lake Stream in 1983 and built our log cabin near the Dam. Every morning we walk with our digs, throughout the perimeter of the town. We have a beautiful view of the West Grand Lake and cannot imagine losing this pristine view with the ducks, the eagles and other birds such as the woodpeckers flying around. Every morning we look over the Dam and the bridge and count the salmon we can see with the naked eye. Please hold on to the straw vote: deny the Bower's project. It will not benefit any of us that have chosen this way of life. Thank you for your consideration.

Kenny and Karen Sprague

From:	Rainer M. Egle
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Governor; Carroll, Catherine M.; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers Wind Project DP#4889
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 1:32:37 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

First I really would like to thank you and the whole LURC Members to stand up for the preservation of Maine in the case of the Wind Project DP#4889. As returning tourists in the Lincoln Lakes region (> 12 years, we own a camp) we came for the beauty of the area, which is destroyed now. We even can't sell our camp, since nobody wants to face an industrial complex. As a fisherman I can't go out to the lake anymore, then even if I turn my back to the turbines, their reflections will show up next to me.
I urge you, don't let Champlain Wind withdraw their application.Whatever they can come up with, the destruction of the area is given. FAA will never allow to have camoflagued/invisible turbines installed. And the area will be totally destroyed for tourism (and for nature itself.)

We are looking for new places to buy a camp.
Our first questsions always are:
- Any Wind Industry projects?
- Any Fracking planned?
And in Maine, we don't think we are safe to buy, unless you continue to protect this area.

So please, just say NO to First Wind's Bowers Wind Project.

Respectfully

Rainer Egle

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Rainer Egle, Im Boge 21, 8332 Russikon, Switzerland

From:	Orlando Delogu
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Communication to LURC Board in re First Wind
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 12:29:12 PM
Attachments:	#2 Revised Maine Guides Join.docx MEMO LURC.doc

Fred:

It's been a long time; I hope this note finds you well.

I'm told public communications to the LURC Board in re First Wind"s application to withdraw its Bowers Mountain project application must be directed to you for distribution to key staff and Board members.

The item labeled MEMO is my communication to the Board; the item labeled "#2 revised" is an attachment to the MEMO--- it is a piece I authored that was published recently in the Maine Lawyers Review dealing "view/aesthetic" issues as a basis for denial of the Bowers Mountain project.

I'm hopeful that my MEMO and the attachment can be made available to the LURC board prior to next Wednesday's meeting at which First Wind's withdrawal application will be considered.

Many thanks,
Orlando

P.S. In viewing these two attachments, I see that there are formatting/ punctuation errors. I don't know how these gremlins creep in, or how to get rid of them. If before distribution you can help me in this regard, I would appreciate it. OED
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From: Mr Timothy Dalton
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers-Champlain Wind withdrawl request objection
Date: Thursday, December 01, 2011 11:54:59 AM

Dear LURC:

I oppose granting Champlain Wind an opportunity to withdraw their application for the Bowers Mountain project. The official record should show that the project was denied.

Champlain Wind's argument for why they should be allowed to withdraw their application is not reasonable. First, the hypothesis underlying their argument is that the project can be reconfigured to address visual impact concerns. This is not possible.

The impact upon the landscape is not scalable. Negative visual impacts are certainly magnified by the number and size of the turbines. But the reverse logic of scaling down the size of the project does not imply that the visual impacts would be reduced below a threshold that would warrant approval. There is a huge threshold damage that is caused by the very first turbine's appearance on the landscape. It destroys pristine visual amenity in several directions and will affect several lakes. Please permit an analogy.

If a woman is assaulted and her face is cut with a knife, leaving a prominent scar, it will be a noticeable disfigurement. What about a second knife cut? Or a dozen? Certainly more destruction will be noticed. But work backwards, with the logic that underlies Champlain Wind's hypothesis. They might reduce the scale and or size of the project from 30 or so slices to only 10 or 5 or even 1. But nonetheless, the damage has been done. Any number of turbines causes permanent damage of a pristine wilderness that has already been targeted for protection under the 1987 *Maine Wildlands Lake Assessment*. Likewise, a judge would never rule that "*you only sliced the woman's face once so I'll let you go but if it were 30 slices, that would be different …*" The lakes merit "policy consideration to maintain the existing values" (emphasis added, cited from pages 8 and 14).

It is implausible that the Bowers Mountain project can meet visual impact criterion in any size, shape or configuration, with or without lights that may blink or not blink. Any argument forwarded by Champlain Wind and their attorneys is disrespectful to the members of LURC and the taxpayers of Maine who humbly fund the commission's activities and who have already invested substantial resources in due process of evaluating the application.

This eleventh hour "hail Mary" by Champlain Wind is nothing but corporate "sour grapes." The project should be formally denied at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Dalton
382 Long Point Road
Lakeville

From:	Horn-Olsen, Samantha
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	FW: Chaplain Wind LLC
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 9:17:56 AM
Attachments:	Bowers Wind LURC Ltr 11-30-11.pdf

FYI

From: TedJohnston [mailto:tedjohnston@gwi.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Horn-Olsen, Samantha
Subject: Chaplain Wind LLC

Samantha,

Attached is a copy of my letter to Fred Todd regarding the Chaplain Wind LLC request to withdraw its application for the Bowers Wind Project. Fred's copy has been sent by U.S. Mail.

I enjoyed our conversation in Solon regarding the challenges facing LURC and appreciate your thoughtfulness. You have your work cut out for you and I want to thank you for your time and service to the people of Maine.

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From:	dan mckay
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 9:13:31 AM

Land Use : Is there anything more critical to the accomplishments of civilization ? The diversity of land use is bounded only my our imagination and physical laws of nature. Our changing the landscape to achieve an accomplishment of human will and desires , will never cease. And, neither will the physical laws of nature .Physical laws , whether you choose a scientific or choose an evidential approach, tells us deriving electricity from wind is a hit and miss proposition. And uses up much more land then it's value compensates us in accomplishments. Simply put, a waste of land use with no justification for sacrifice of current value such land has on other ventures. In denying the Bowers Mountain Wind Project, the Commission has recognized the aspect of land values and it's relationship to land use. Stand for the people, don't allow a revision to this site permit. Deny the permit and make these wind proponents prove their worth before further sacrifice has to take place.

Dan McKay Dixfield, Maine

From:	John H. Twomey Jr
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Fwd: LURC Decision
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 7:38:05 AM

Dear LURC Committee Members,

As a citizen of the state of Maine, I should like to ask that you uphold your unanimous decision on DP4889, and stand by your desision to deny First Wind a permit to build wind turbines on Bowers Mountain.

As one who has studied the wind industry with care and witnessed the sort of devestation that these monstrous turbines inflict on the land, the people and the wildlife of any region, I am completely opposed to their being placed on land in our state. The documentation regarding their negative impact on all of the above is simply overwhelming. I can not imagine an educated and informed citizen supporting wind initiatives on land.

All objective observers know that there are better ways to solve the energy needs of our region. Fortunately our new Governor, Governor LePage, is honest and open to exploring such options. It is time that we all do the right thing - investigate options such as hydro power from Quebec, the introduction of more natural gas via a pipeline, and the creation of wind turbines miles out in the Atlantic. And let us reject those supporters of land based wind turbines who simply attempt create a sense of urgency and to take advantage of tax breaks. These people have no regard for the traditions of Maine, no regard for the well-being of our citizens, and no regard for our wildlife. Finally, from an economic perspective, Maine has historically been a magnet for people who come here to recreate, and spend millions of dollars in the process. This is the essence of a clean, sustainable, profitable activity.

Yours sincerely,

John H. Twomey
Montivlle, Maine

From:	Gaby Egle
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	Bowers Mountain Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 7:12:01 AM

Dear Mr Todd

When I first heard that First Wind (Champlain Wind) wants to withdraw their permit application I didn't understand. Why should this be done?
They had a headstart on the project until the public finally got wind of it. They new all the facts, they had all their studies, they contributed towards strategically interesting positions and paid a lot of money to salesmen and lawyers. Why should all of this suddenly be denied and forgotten? All the involved parties, PPDLW and of course LURC spending all this time and money for the last two years, how can this just be ignored? How arrogant and disrespectful. If only it would be that easy to omit all unpleasant incidences.

Since the Wind-Industry destroyed the beauty of our lake in Lincoln and the surrounding we've been looking for a other place to buy (if we'll ever be able to sell the camp). We're tourists, summer-people. We come to Maine for following reasons: the forests and lakes, the silence, the stars, the call of the loons, the fishing, the view, the harmony. If any of this is gone we won't need to return. We don't need to spend all that time and money for something that is no more! There are other places.

I'm asking you: please do not grant Champlain's request! Please do not give them an other chance to destroy Bowers Mountain and the Grand Lake Stream landscape. For a moment we where hoping, that this beautiful area could become the place for our next home - we're still hoping!

Respectfully

Gaby Egle

From:	Tom Olds
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C; Michael Thibodeau; Peter Rioux
Subject:	Bowers DP4889
Date:	Thursday, December 01, 2011 4:53:26 AM

Dear Mr. Todd,

At your last meeting, you and the other LURC members informed your lawyers to draw up the paperwork for a "no" vote on the Bowers project. It was the right action, the only action, that a reasonable body such as LURC could have taken, given the overwhelming public criticism this project evoked.

You must follow through with your decision. You must not allow First Wind (in this case Champlain Wind) to withdraw their application and resubmit it. That action makes a mockery our laws and they are gaming the system. The citizens of Maine have gone to considerable personal expense to travel to these meetings and try to convince Lurc to deny this project and have succeeded. To have First Wind withdraw their permit application, in order to tweak it, to massage it, to modify it is not fair to the citizens of Maine! The rules are the rules. First Wind cannot be allowed to change the rules when things are not going their way.

Deny the permit on December 7th and if First Wind wants to resubmit it at a later date, then that is their prerogative. But do not let them withdraw it.

You are the last line of defense for rural Mainers who live in the unorganized territories and who are desperately trying to save their quality of life, the value of their property, their mountains, their lakes and the very soul of Maine. Please do not let them down.

Sincerely,

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From:	Peter Richmond
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Carroll, Catherine M.
Subject:	stoping DP4889
Date:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:07:09 PM

I am Peter Richmond, a planning board member of Brighton Plt., farmer and logger. I want to express my support of the
LURK decision to deny First wind's Bowers Mt. developement. I think the values that LURK upheld in this case are
important and should not be compromised. Please prevent compromise.
Thank you , Peter Richmond

From:	Mike
To:	Todd, Fred
Cc:	Governor
Subject:	No legal trickery
Date:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:00:22 PM

Dear Fellow Mainers

I fear the FirstWind lawyers are up to no good. The Bowers project should have never been considered for inclusion in the expedited zone. Why it was is beyond me, but the straw vote by LURC to deny the Bowers project is correct and should stand.

If FirstWind wants to withdraw the application, it is too late in my opinion. There is nothing to be gained. Any remediation would make no difference as the turbines numbers ,size, or proximity to the lakes would still be too close and disruptive on many levels.

FirstWind wants to plant some support on the LURC board before another vote takes place, or remove jurisdiction from LURC and give the decision to the DEP, where they already have insiders, should LURC be remodeled.

That should not be allowed. It is unethical, immoral and would devastate the Downeast region as we know it. It may be legal, but that does not say much for the legal system.

Please vote to deny the Bowers project and do not let their lawyers play sneaky end around games.

See the website www.friendsoflincolnlakes.org for some pics of the damage these expensive windsprawl projects are doing to our beautiful state for minimal power.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Mike and Kim DiCenso Lincoln ME 794-2107

From:	Harry Roper
To:	Todd, Fred; Governor; Fletcher, Kenneth C
Subject:	LURC and Bowers Mountain
Date:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011 5:53:57 PM

Dear sirs – LURC has instructed their staff to draft a denial of the Bowers Mountain wind project. In the light of the testimony of numerous Maine guides and other citizens, this was the right thing to do. I urge LURC to stick by their decision and not allow First Wind any wiggle room. NO should mean NO; period.

Thank you,

Harrison Roper
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Houlton, ME 04730
2-7-532-3797

From:	Karen Bailey
To:	Todd, Fred
Subject:	First Wind in the Downeast Lakes area
Date:	Wednesday, November 30, 2011 4:42:15 PM

Dear Mr. Todd,

I am writing to urge you to vote "no" to First Wind's proposal for the wind turbines in Carroll Plantation scheduled for December 7th.

My family has had a camp in that area for generations and I believe a lot of the strength of character my child has was influenced by the experiences we had there. We hold dear the clean scents, beautiful scenery, quiet woods, wildlife and all there is to sense and feel.

Our grandchildren are now reaching an age where they have started canoeing and fishing and I would love to think it will stay as beautiful as it now is for them and their children.

Please consider this and future generations. Thank you.

Karen Bailey
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Bangor, Maine 04401
207-947-4935

From: David & Freda Parker
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain wind application
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 4:08:06 PM

I am making a personal plea not only for myself but my family and all Maine folks that love and appreciate our Maine environment. I grew up in Maine but did not appreciate what we have until I traveled the world for 30 years as an Army wife and raising two sons. Each summer ,after we bought our cottage which is now a permanent home, my sons and I would come home to God's country. Our sons went to college here in Maine, married Maine girls, and their children have been instilled with the same Maine values that so many of us. I have seen the windmills in Holland, Germany, Texas, California,etc. etc. and I just can't see aa few people making a pot of money when we all know energy can be derived more economically and efficiently from other resources. Thanks for listening to this 80 year old lady that loves living in the wildeness and appreciates how you people in LURC have protected our environment for years and years. Thank you, Freda Parker.

From: David & Freda Parker
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain wind application
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 3:38:59 PM

I have been in Lakeville, off and on between 30 years military service and corporat3e management for 5 more years, since 1950 . We own water front property and do not want windmills destroying our hill tops, scenery, and environment. Please do not allow First Wind to withdraw their Bowers Mountain wind application before the process is complete when LURC formally votes on it. Overwhelming testimony documents from those of us who live here, that windmills should not be placed in the historic lake country of Maine. Dave Parker, Resident,. Lodge Owner

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November 30, 2011

Frederick W. Todd
Project Planner
Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: DP 4889, Bowers Mountain Wind Project

Dear Mr. Todd:

I am writing to express my support for First Wind's request to withdraw their permit application. The Bowers Mountain project has received much attention and has the potential to offer significant benefits to this region and the entire state of Maine. It makes sense to me that if First Wind is willing to listen to and address the concerns of the commission and the group opposed to the project, that they should have that opportunity.

Some people have a vested interest in seeing this project killed as quickly as possible. It appears to me that First Wind has been a good applicant and deserves the opportunity to address comments and issues raised, along with standard requirements that appeared to have been changed during the review process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirk Ritchie
P.O. Box 342
Lee, ME 04455

From: bjacobs1952@gmail.com on behalf of Bob Jacobs
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mountain Project Permit Withdrawal
Date: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 8:54:39 AM

To: LURC/ Fred Todd
From: Bob Jacobs/ Resident and Business Owner
Re; First Wind/ Bowers Project Permit Withdrawal

I respectfully submit this letter of support for First Wind/ Bowers Mountain Project permit withdrawal on these grounds:

1) I understand First Wind has met all the numerous science based requirements for siting the Bowers Mountain Wind Farm.

2) The one great area of concern is the visual impact. The criteria is vague and difficult to interpret and apply.

When I look at a wind farm I visualize how many less barrels of oil or tons of coal we will not burn to produce electricity. How much less acid rain and mercury contamination to our lakes and forests will we be receiving from our neighboring fossil fuel fired power plants in the mid west. I know wind power is not the total answer, but we need diversity. Wind power is a step in the right direction away from fossil fired power generation. We, the people who live in this area on a year round basis, are adaptable to a little change on the horizon.

3) I also understand new guidelines were applied in September to certain lakes elevating the importance of user surveys. I would ask that you allow First Wind to withdraw the permit to evaluate the scenic issues raised and have the opportunity to reconfigure the project to address those concerns before resubmitting.

I would also reiterate that this project is of great importance to the townships of Carroll and Kossuth. The additional tax base of small industry would certainly be a boost to towns with virtually no business tax base.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Jacobs

From: kmichka@aol.com
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: First Wind application withdrawal
Date: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 8:43:01 AM

Dear LURC Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to deny First Wind's request to withdraw its Bowers Mountain industrial wind turbine development application.
Their request is an abuse of the system - a system created with wind developer input, designed to give their type of development advantages over other types of development in the first place. To grant them this request would be unfair to all those involved in their application process up to this point, including yourselves, because it cavalierly thumbs its nose at the intent of the expedited permitting time frame, as well as the time and expenditures individuals have spent respectfully and properly engaging in the process.

Not only do I ask you to deny First Wind's request to withdraw its Bowers Mountain application, I ask that you deny the project and lay it to rest, as your straw vote indicated. The region is worth defending, and permitting industrial wind development there would be an invaluable loss to the natural landscape of Maine.

Sincerely,
Kay Michka
Lexington TWP, ME

From: Carroll Plt.
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bower"s Mountain Wind Project
Date: Monday, December 05, 2011 6:56:36 PM

Please allow First Wind to withdraw their permit for a wind farm at this time.

Clarence Thompson
Citizen of Carroll Plt.

From: Carroll Plt.
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bower"s Mountain Wind Project
Date: Monday, December 05, 2011 6:19:53 PM

Please allow First Wind to withdraw their application for the Wind Project on Bowers Mountain. There has been no mention of the benefits to the Plantation of Carroll that this project will allow. I feel we need to take care of our towns before taking care of the wishes of people who are in the area for only a short period of time.

Sincerely
Anita Duerr
Assessor Carroll Plantation

From: Brian Souers
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Bowers Mtn Wind Project
Date: Monday, December 05, 2011 5:02:57 PM
Attachments: 20111205165237712.pdf

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

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From: Leonard J. Murphy
To: Todd, Fred
Subject: Re: December 7, 2011 Commission meeting Agenda is now on our website
Date: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 1:29:34 PM

Good day, Fred! This is my response to first wind wanting to resubmit their application for the Bowers industrial wind powered generator project! I see a major problem with a company that has over-stepped their boundaries, in several ways, and still refuses to except the facts! It is also self evident that they have to many projects in process already when they can't even take a minute to return my calls to settle my case of their trespass on my land for a new proposed power line!! I think we may need a new law to protect The people of America! It would be nice if first wind would have to settle all of the problems they have imposed upon The citizens of America before they get permission to move forward with any new projects subsidized by Americans! Because they are starting to loose subsides, and interest in their projects, they are acting out of fear and moving forward to quickly in all directions while they still can manipulate people with money and false talk about job creation! Very few jobs are created BECAUSE most companies bid in on a project and they use the crew they have to do the job,they do not hire people off the street where the towers are overlooking the landscape for 60 miles or more! Everything about first wind is a false image even their name, wind farms they are not, also they are not wind mills, wind mills grind grain etc., they also put a office in Boston to say they are based in New England to make people feel good and trust them!! If they had a reasonable product they should not have to use and abuse our tax dollars, building projects in Maine in the winter on a mountain top, and disguise their image to make themselves more appealing!! By first wind submitting a report from another state hoping it would work for the Bowers project is proof that they are short-tracking the applications so they have lest work and less of a EXPENSE, the more they save the more profit they put in Their pockets!! Who cares for the peoples' suffering and financial devaluation of peoples' property Lurc does, I hope you are still up for the task at hand?! I will only bring up one more factor at this time, the fact, truth, is that 27 more industrial generators facing Mt. Katahdin and overlooking Great lakes, will add to the 40 generators controlling the sky-line NOW which will be a accumulation of to many generator in a small area! The cumulative factor can not be ignored and should be a major reason by itself for turning the project down for good! Truly yours, Lenny Murphy. 90 Energy Lane, Woodville, Maine 04457 207-746-9212

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> ----- Original Message -----
> **From:** Todd, Fred
> **To:** Andrew Buckman ; Barbara Moore ; Dan Remian ; David R. Darrow ; Dylan Voorhees ; Gary Campbell ; Kay Campbell ; Leonard J. Murphy ; Margaret Thickstun ; Mr Timothy Dalton ; Paul J Rudershausen ; Pete Borden ; Richard Mathiau ; Steve Norris / The Pines Lodge ; TracyAllenPhillipDaw
> **Cc:** Carroll, Catherine M. ; Horn-Olsen, Samantha ; Mills, Amy
> **Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 3:34 PM
> **Subject:** FW: December 7, 2011 Commission meeting Agenda is now on our website
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> To: Bowers Interested Persons
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> The December 7th Commission meeting item regarding the applicant's request to withdraw the Bowers Wind Project application is now on the Commission's web site.
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> See the link below:
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From: York, Mary **On Behalf Of** LURC
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 3:17 PM
Subject: December 7, 2011 Commission meeting Agenda is now on our website

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Subject: LURC – December 7, 2011 Commission meeting Agenda is now on our website

Good afternoon,

Please follow this link to the **Agenda** for the December 7, 2011 Commission meeting:
http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=181036&an=1

Also, there is an **Agenda Addendum** available. Please follow this link:
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Please note: Other items may be linked to the agenda as soon as they become available.

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