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SITE VISIT

In the Matter of

Development Permit DP 4889

Champlain Wind, LLC

Bowers Wind Project

Site Visit to be held on June 27, 2011

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

The **Site Visit** for the Commission will leave from Ella P. Burr Elementary School, 23 Ella P. Burr Street, Lincoln, Maine on **Monday, June 27th at 9:00 AM**, and it is anticipated that attendees will arrive back at the school by **3:30 PM**. The public may join the caravan at the Springfield General Store (also known as Smith's Store) at 9:15 AM. The Commission will visit the Bowers Wind Project site in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township and other relevant stops to observe, for example; locations of project features, access, and area landscapes. The parties, interested persons, and any member of the public wishing to attend the site visit are welcome to do so, excluding a water portion of the visit, which is addressed below. The Site Visit Itinerary follows. Included also are maps of the project site and the site visit route provide by the applicant, Champlain Wind, LLC.

Questions regarding this Memorandum and the Site Visit should be directed to LURC staff listed below.

Site Visit Itinerary Determination

As required by the 3rd Procedural Order, a proposed itinerary for the site visit was filed by the Applicant on May 6, 2011 and was followed by an opportunity for comment on the itinerary to be submitted no later than May 13, 2011. LURC received comments from intervenors and interested persons, including requests that the Commission view the project area from the water and areas where visual simulations have been prepared. LURC staff, in consultation with the Presiding Officer, LURC Chair Gwen Hilton, has reviewed the applicant's draft itinerary and the comments.

The Commission intends to view the project area from jurisdictional viewpoints, including from the water and where photo simulations have been prepared. The Applicant is arranging boat accommodations for a water view. Thus, a portion of the site visit will be by boat, but it will not be practical to have the intervenors or the general public accompany the Commission. Following the site visit, a staff memorandum will document for the administrative record the water portion of the site visit.

This memorandum has set the following final site visit itinerary. Copies of the itinerary will be available from LURC staff at the contacts listed below and during the site visit. The Presiding Officer, however, may at any time alter the itinerary of the visit in order to make it more efficient and effective.

Site Visit Format

Transportation for the Commissioners and the parties will be organized by the Applicant and LURC staff for the ground transportation of the site visit.

To facilitate organizational needs, parties interested in attending the ground portion of the site visit must contact LURC Project Planner Fred Todd by June 20, 2011 to sign up for the visit per terms set in Procedural Order 3. Members of the public must provide their own transportation. Note that some stops on the visit will be to remote areas with muddy gravel roads so the public should plan accordingly. The public is encouraged to view general information and the itinerary of the site visit on the LURC website.

The purpose of the Site Visit is to provide an opportunity for the LURC Commissioners to view the project area, locations of project features and other points of regulatory interest. The Site Visit is relevant to its review of the Development Permit application for the Bowers Wind Project of Champlain Wind, LLC.

Ex Parte Communications

The parties and public are directed to 5 M.R.S.A. § 9055 and Chapter 5, Section 5.25 of the Commission's Rules, for a statement of legal restrictions on contact with Commission members while proceedings are pending, and the restrictions apply during the site visit. The parties are cautioned to avoid any conduct that could give rise even to the appearance of improper contact with Commission members.

During the site visit, representatives of the Applicant and LURC staff may point out various features and locations of the proposed project, and site-specific questions for clarification may be asked by Commission members and other attendees. The Commission, parties, and any attendee shall refrain from inferential considerations or *ex parte* communication.

During the site visit, no party may discuss testimony or otherwise engage in any advocacy or conversations about the Bowers Wind Project with Commission members. The public may attend for informational purposes only and cannot address the Commissioners with respect to this project. The public is afforded that opportunity during the scheduled evening sessions of the public hearing.

Any questions or comments regarding the Site Visit should be directed to Catherine Carroll, Director: 207-287-4930, Catherine.M.Carroll@maine.gov or Fred Todd, Project Planner: 207-287-8786, fred.todd@maine.gov at the Commission's office in Augusta.

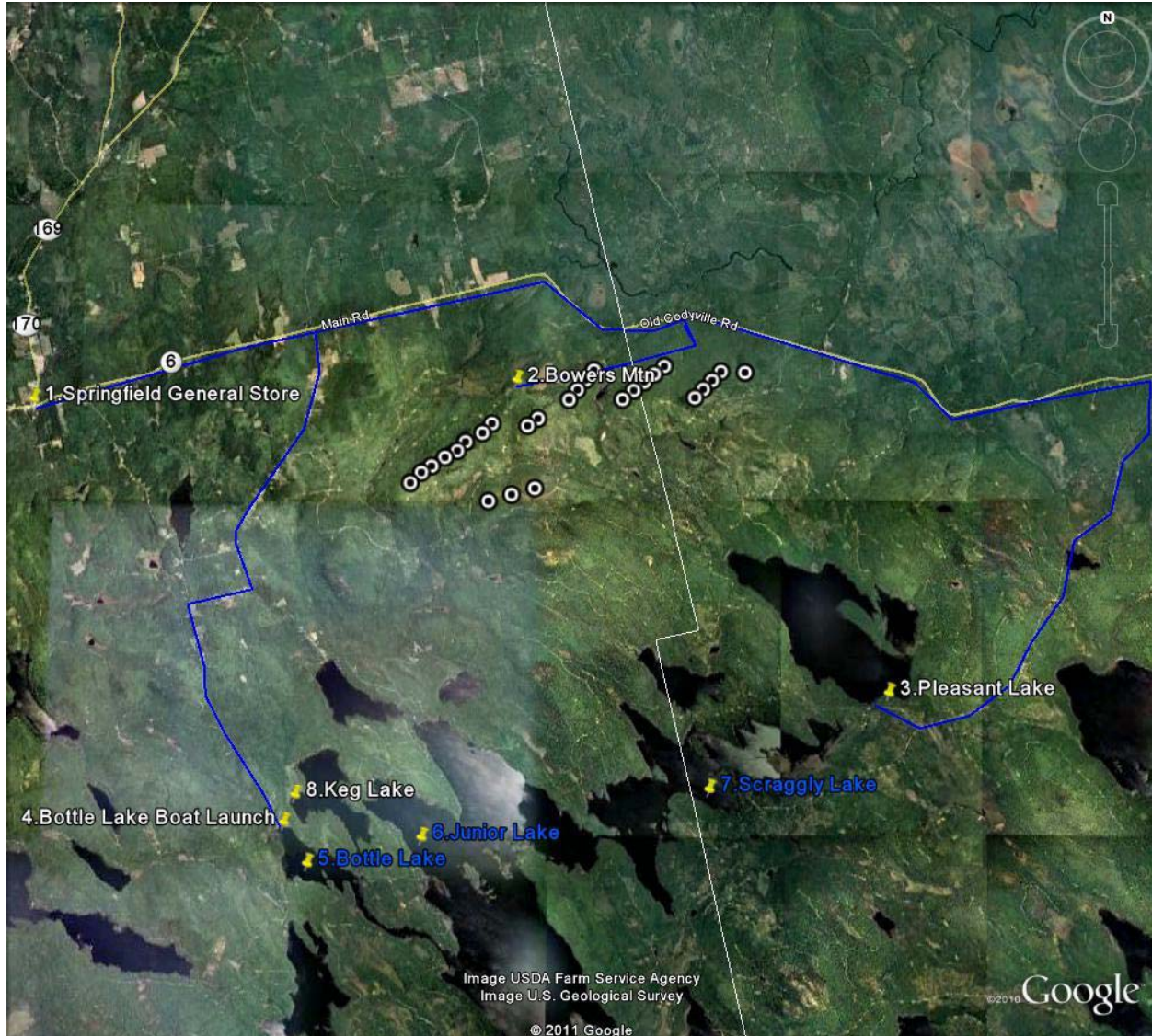
REVISED BOWERS SITE VISIT ITINERARY
Monday, June 27th, 2011

- 8:45 AM Meet at Ella P. Burr Elementary School at 23 Ella P. Burr Street in Lincoln
- 9:00 AM Depart Elementary School to Route 6.
1. 9:15 AM Depart Springfield General Store (aka Smith's Store) on Route 6: public can join caravan:

Proceed past Operation and Maintenance location.
2. 9:45 AM Arrive at Bowers Mtn: Drive within project area, stop to review project layout.
- 10:15 AM Depart Bowers Mtn: Drive along Route 6 to Pleasant Lake.
3. 11:15 AM Depart Pleasant Lake: Proceed past West Musquash Lake to Route 6 to Brown Road to Duck Lake Road to Bottle Lake Road.
4. 12:15 PM Depart Bottle Lake on Boat: Stops on Bottle Lake, Junior Lake, Scraggly Lake. (LURC Commission only)
5. Boat stop on Bottle Lake.
6. Boat stop on Junior Lake.
7. Boat stop on Scraggly Lake.
8. 2:00 PM Depart Bottle Lake: Proceed to Keg Lake.
- 2:45 PM Depart for Lincoln.
- 3:30 PM Arrive Ella P. Burr Elementary School

The route is depicted on the attached map.

Area Map Depicting Site Visit Route Provided by Applicant Champlain Wind,LLC



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