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By E-Mail

Marcia Spencer Famous
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Kibby Expansion Wind Power Project/DP 4860

Dear Marcia:

We understand that you have received requests for a public hearing on the Kibby Expansion Wind Power Project ("Kibby Expansion"). We do not believe a public hearing is necessary in light of the recent comprehensive public hearing held on the D-PD application for the Kibby Project, which is proximate to the proposed expansion. The hearing for the Kibby Project addressed development of a wind power project above 2,700 feet, including specific construction techniques for use sensitive mountain areas and other measures to minimize resource impacts. Nonetheless, TransCanada appreciates the desire for and benefits of a formal process in which the public can comment on the proposed expansion and, as a result, we do not object to the Commission holding a public hearing on the Kibby Expansion.

TransCanada requests, however, that the Commission be diligent in limiting the scope of any public hearing to the review criteria applicable to a wind energy development located in the expedited permitting area. Similarly, TransCanada requests that the Commission schedule the hearing in a timely manner and consistent with the timeframe set forth in 12 M.R.S.A. § 685-B (2-C).

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Juliet Browne in cursive script, with the initials (JTB) written in parentheses at the end.

Juliet T. Browne

JTB/prf

cc: Nick Di domenico
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