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**PUBLIC NOTICE:  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE**

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Please take notice that Hancock Wind, LLC (the "Applicant"), a subsidiary of First Wind, with its principal offices at 129 Middle Street, 3rd Floor, Portland, Maine 04101, (207-228-6888) is intending to file a Site Location of Development Act permit application and a Natural Resources Protection Act permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department), pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 480-A et seq., and 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 481-490, respectively, and regulations thereunder. The Applicant is also seeking a Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1341. The Applicant intends to file the combined permit application on or about January 11, 2013.

This application is to allow for construction and operation of the Hancock Wind Project in T22 MD and T16 MD in Hancock County, Maine. The proposed project includes 18 turbines capable of generating up to 55 megawatts of electricity. The project would also include: access to the turbines utilizing existing and new roads, 34.5 kilovolt (kV) electrical collector lines among the turbines and connecting to an existing substation, as well as up to two permanent meteorological towers, and an operations and maintenance building to be located in Aurora.

The Site Location application will include a request, pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A. § 685-B(1-A)(B-1), that the Land Use Planning Commission (Commission) certify to the Department that the development is an allowed use in the subdistricts in which it is proposed and that the development will comply with applicable Commission land use standards that are not considered in the Department's review.

The Site Location application, including the request for certification, will be filed for public inspection at the Department's office in Bangor and the Commission's office in Augusta and in Bangor during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen on the Department's website<sup>1</sup> at the Hancock County Commissioner's office in Ellsworth, and at the municipal office in Aurora.

A request for a Department public hearing must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing on the Site Location application may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the Site Location application will be accepted by the Department throughout the processing of the application.

Written public comments on the Site Law application may be sent to the Department's regional office in *Bangor* where the application is filed for public inspection: Maria Lentine-Eggett, [Maria.Lentine-Eggett@maine.gov](mailto:Maria.Lentine-Eggett@maine.gov), MDEP, Eastern Maine Regional Office, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401 (941-4570).

A request for a Commission public hearing on the request for certification and/or a petition for leave to intervene in any such hearing must be received by the Commission in writing no later than 20 days after the request for certification is found by the Commission to be complete and accepted for processing. The Commission will consider the degree of public interest when determining whether to hold a public hearing, but the decision whether to hold a hearing is at the Commission's discretion. If the Commission holds a public hearing, members of the public also may offer testimony at the hearing without formally intervening in the hearing, and/or may submit written comments until the close of the record. A request or petition that is not timely filed will be denied unless the requestor/petitioner shows good cause for failure to file on time. Filing may be by electronic mail or facsimile if followed by receipt of an original signed document within five

<sup>1</sup> (<http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/sitelaw/selected-developments/index.html>)

working days. The Commission's provisions for intervention may be found in Chapter 5, section 5.13 of the Commission's rules, which are available at <http://www.maine.gov/doc/lupc/>.

If no public hearing is held, interested persons may submit written comments on the certification throughout the processing of the certification. Written public comments and questions on the request for certification may be mailed to the Commission's office in Augusta: Land Use Planning Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333; or emailed to Marcia.Spencer-Famous@maine.gov; or faxed to (207) 287-7439.

Questions about the project can be directed to Dave Fowler of Hancock Wind, LLC at 207-228-6868.