Support the Kibby Mountain Wind Farm

Wind power company TransCanada has submitted an application to the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) for a 130 MW project in Kibby Township in Franklin County. The Kibby Mountain Wind Project has received strong support from a number of environmental groups, including the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM). We worked diligently with Maine Audubon and the Appalachian Mountain Club to reach an agreement with TransCanada in support of the company's proposal. The project still faces opposition. It is important that the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) hear from the citizens of Maine. Here are a few facts about the project:

- ❖ The Kibby Wind Farm would generate a substantial amount of new, renewable power in Maine at a time when we need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. The project will also help achieve the 10 percent increase in renewable energy by 2017 as required by Maine law.
- ❖ The Kibby project is expected to generate about 357 million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually—enough to power approximately 50,000 Maine homes.
- ❖ TransCanada has agreed to significant land conservation arrangements, including contributing to the permanent protection of approximately 750 acres in the Mahoosuc Mountain Range.
- ❖ In addition to NRCM and Maine Audubon, other stakeholders supporting the project include the Appalachian Mountain Club, Conservation Law Foundation, numerous state legislators, public health organizations, Franklin County Commissioners, the towns of Eustis and Kingfield, and many others.
- ❖ The Kibby Wind Farm will be located in the same location as the earlier Kenetech wind power project, which received support from a large number of organizations and a permit from LURC in 1995. Because of advances in wind technology, the Kibby project will produce a large amount of clean power with a significantly smaller impact than the Kenetech project.

Now is the time to speak out in support of clean, renewable power generated from the wind that blows across Maine.

<u>Write a letter</u> in support of the project, and address it to:

Maine Land Use Regulation Commission; Attention: Catherine Carroll, Director

22 State House Station; Augusta, Maine 04333 (or email it to <u>LURC@maine.gov</u>)

Attend a public hearing and speak out in support of clean, wind energy When: Tuesday, October 2nd at 6pm (public comment period begins) Where: Sugarloaf Ski Area, Grand Summit Conference Center For directions, see: http://www.sugarloaf.com/directions.html

For more information: please contact Sara Lovitz at <u>slovitz@nrcm.org</u> or (207)622-3101 ext. 205 or visit <u>www.nrcm.org</u>.