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Karen Bolstridge
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Land Use Planning Commission
Downeast Regional Representative
106 Hogan Road; Suite 8
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Re: DP 4966, Amendment A, Amendment B and Amendment C: 6 MET Towers and 6 SODAR Units: Somerset County

Dear Karen:

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is aware of the proposed met towers and potential wind energy project west of Moosehead Lake. However, we have not yet received a detailed description of the proposed project.

NRCM has a very strong interest in protecting the natural resource values of Maine's North Woods—including in the Moosehead Lake Region. We also have a very strong interest in reducing Maine's dependence on fossil fuels through energy efficiency and development of renewable energy, including solar, wind, and tidal energy. At this point, we would simply like to raise a preliminary concern about the prospect for a major wind energy project in an area that is surrounded by lands subject to a conservation easement and close to a number of lakes, rivers and public lands of high conservation value, including Moosehead Lake.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Regards:

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