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RE: Request for Commission certification – Hancock Wind, LLC, L-25875-24-A-N

Dear Ms. Horn Olsen:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has received an application from Hancock Wind, LLC for a permit to construct a project that is subject to the Site Location of Development Law (Site Law) and is located in the unorganized or de-organized areas of the State. As required in 12 M.R.S. § 685-B(1-A) and 38 M.R.S. §§ 488(9-A), 489-A-1, and as further described in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dated August 31, 2012, between the Department and the Land Use Planning Commission (Commission), the Department requests that the Commission review the application materials and make a certification determination. Application materials for this project were sent directly to the Commission by the Applicant.

If the materials included in the application are not sufficient to determine whether the project qualifies for certification, please notify the Department what additional materials are required in order to make such a determination. As specified in the MOU, the first stage of the certification is to determine whether the uses proposed are allowed, or allowed subject to a special exception, in the subdistricts in which they are to be located. We would appreciate if that determination could be made by February 5, 2013, which is the conclusion of our 15 day acceptance review period; we recognize, however, that if additional information is required the determination may take longer.

We understand that the second stage of the certification, which evaluates compliance with Land Use Standards not considered by the Department, will begin once the Commission receives, and accepts as complete for processing, the certification component of the application. Please inform the Department of the date on which the Commission accepts the certification component of the Site Law application as complete. Please direct all correspondence regarding this application to Maria Eggett at 446-7120 or at maria.lentine-eggett@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

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