

AGENDA
Public Hearing
December 16, 2009

**PART ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF
THE RULEMAKING PETITION BY
TRANSCANADA MAINE WIND DEVELOPMENT, INC. TO
EXPAND THE WINDPOWER EXPEDITED PERMITTING AREA**

Part One of the hearing will be conducted as follows:

- 9:00 am - Opening Statement by the Commission Chair
- 9:30 to 11:30 - The Invited Panel will present testimony addressing the meaning of 35-A MRSA §3453, the statutory criteria enacted by P.L. 2007 c. 661 (“the Wind Energy Act”) for expanding the expedited wind energy development area. The panel will be asked to address the following questions:
 - o What did the Wind Energy Act, which enacted recommendations of the Governor’s Task Force on Wind Power Development (‘the Task Force’), do, and what did it not do?
 - o What do the § 3453 criteria, which the Commission must use when adding specific areas to the expedited permitting area, mean?
 - o How was the area designated as the windpower expedited permitting area developed?
- 11:30 to 12:30 – Public testimony regarding the same questions addressed by the panel.
- 12:30 to 1:30 - Break for lunch
- 1:30 - Resume public testimony regarding the same questions addressed by the panel.
- Deliberation by the Commission
- Closing Statement by Commission Chair