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July 26, 2017

RE: Endorsement for the Downeast Wind Project

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in support of the Downeast Wind project in Washington County, Maine. The Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is a private, nonprofit, federally recognized economic development organization that works to create jobs and prosperity in Washington County; SCEC is also the economic development arm of Washington County Government. In October 2016, SCEC's Board of Directors voted to support the proposed Downeast Wind project, and we remain committed to its success.

The Downeast Wind utility-scale wind project is expected to generate 90 to 150 megawatts of clean, homegrown energy – enough to power approximately 45,000 homes. Downeast Wind represents job creation and a new, long-term source of revenue for the host towns and unorganized territories and for local landowners. The total direct financial impact to the region is likely to exceed \$172 million over the 30-year life of the project.

Downeast Wind has already made an impact to the Washington County community through involvement in community events and activities. Notable among multiple donations and sponsorships are a \$5,000 capital campaign gift to Downeast Community Hospital's new emergency room expansion and two years of sponsorship of the Downeast Wind "CLEAN AIR BALL" at Narraguagus Junior/Senior High School. These are just a couple of examples of how Downeast Wind has begun bolstering our community already.

Thank you for your consideration, and please call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.  
Executive Director, SCEC