

Maine Wind & Ocean News Wrap up for Oct-Sept '14

High Court Supports BEP Decision to Permit Passadumkeag Mountain Wind Farm

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court has upheld the Board of Environmental Protection's decision to grant permission for a wind farm on Passadumkeag Mountain in Grand Falls Township.

Last year, the BEP overturned a decision by the Department of Environmental Protection to reject the 14-turbine wind farm.

Passadumkeag Mountain Friends, a non-profit group fighting against the project, appealed the decision to the high court.

From WABI

<http://wabi.tv/2014/10/21/high-court-supports-bep-decision-permit-passadumkeag-mountain-wind-farm/>^[1]

ORPC Proves Design of Its Future Tidal Energy Power System

ORPC is pleased to announce it has concluded its highly successful OCGen® Module Mooring Project at its federally licensed Cobscook Bay, Maine project site. This first-of-its-kind project, funded partially by the U.S. Dept. of Energy and Maine Technology Institute, proved the stability of the prototype OCGen® device in reversing tidal currents and confirmed the loading and performance of its innovative tensioned mooring system.

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Vestas Stays On Duty At Kibby Wind Farm In Maine

TransCanada has renewed a service agreement with Vestas for the 132 MW Kibby Wind project, located in Eustis, Maine.

The project consists of 44 V90-3.0 MW turbines originally installed in 2009. Under the new contract, Vestas will deliver a full-scope service package for 15 years. The company says its AOM 5000 package is an energy-based availability guarantee.

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Carthage woman loses appeal over wind farm

With her home more than 40 miles away, officials conclude that she would not be affected by noise

The appeal, by Alice McKay Barnett, was one of two filed in reaction to the Department of Environmental Protection's approval of the Bingham Wind Project in September. It stated that Blue Sky's protocol for dealing with noise complaints related to the turbines is not adequate and asked the department to put in place a noise complaint hot line managed by local health officials.

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First Wind's investment from Emera appealed again to top court

The case has broader implications for investment in power generation in Maine, mostly because it addresses to what extent, if at all, the Nova Scotia-based parent company of the former Bangor Hydro and Maine Public Service can invest in any power generation in the state. Central Maine Power Co. is, similarly, owned by the Spanish company Iberdrola.

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Pika powers high school near Houston and appears on on 'Living the Country Life'

The new Career and Technical High School in Pasadena, installed a Pika T701 wind turbine on a 60-foot tower next to the school. The new installation will support workforce development opportunities. Students will be able to analyze performance of the Pika turbine through Pika's REview monitoring.

Pika Hybrid System owners Tracy Wilkerson and Pete Hedden were recently interviewed for the nationally-broadcast radio program 'Living the Country Life' about their experiences building their own home and living self-sufficiently in the Maine mountains with a combination of wind and solar drastically reducing their electric bill, while taking advantage of their property's unique wind resource.

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Read the **Country Life** article here:

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Frankfort voters reject referendum that would have repealed restrictive wind ordinance

Frankfort residents voted Tuesday by 138 votes to retain their existing wind energy ordinance rather than repealing it and adopting the state's model wind ordinance. The tally was 224 in favor of repeal to 362 opposed.

The vote prevents the Waldo Community Wind project, a planned six-turbine, 18-megawatt wind power project proposed by Portsmouth, N.H.- based Eolian Renewable Energy LLC, from going forward. According to Eolian, the project would have delivered clean, emission-free power to about 6,500 homes across Maine and New England.

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Marine Highway Momentum from Maine Port Authority

DOT's Maritime Administration (MARAD) has supported the Maine Port Authority's development of a next-level cargo vessel designed specifically to handle that unique marine environment.

In addition to increasing safety and reliability for mariners and shippers, the project shows great potential to reduce energy consumption and air emissions while offering relief to cars and trucks on the busy I-95 land-side corridor.

This week, port officials took a major step forward in this effort by releasing a design for the first U.S. containerized articulated tug barge, or ?ATB,? made possible with funding from MARAD.

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