

Maine Wind & Ocean News Wrap up for Nov-Dec '14

Canton Wind project moves ahead after noise appeal denied.

The Maine Board of Environmental Protection unanimously rejected the appeal of an eight-turbine wind power project on Canton Mountain, owned by the Massachusetts-based Patriot Renewables.

Read the full article:

<http://bangordailynews.com/2014/11/21/news/mid-maine/canton-wind-project-moves-ahead-after-noise-appeal-denied/> ^[1]

SunEdison Buying First Wind In \$2.4 Billion Deal

Global solar company SunEdison Inc. is entering the wind industry in a big way. The company and its yieldco subsidiary, TerraForm Power, have signed a definitive agreement to acquire First Wind, a Boston-based developer, owner and operator of U.S. wind projects, for \$2.4 billion.

The \$2.4 billion sum is made up of \$1.9 billion in up-front consideration and a \$510 million earn-out. For \$1.5 billion, which includes the earn-out, SunEdison will purchase over 1.6 GW of pipeline and backlog projects from First Wind. The projects are expected to come online between 2016 and 2017, at which point SunEdison plans to transfer the assets to TerraForm.

Read the full article:

http://www.nawindpower.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.13657#utm_medium=email&utm_source=19-2014&utm_campaign=NAW+News+Headlines ^[2]

What First Wind's sale could mean for wind development in Maine

Read the full article:

<https://bangordailynews.com/2014/11/19/the-point/what-first-winds-sale-could-mean-for-wind-development-in-maine/> ^[3]

Sale of First Wind won't affect turbine project in Bingham, official says

Read the full article:

<http://www.pressherald.com/2014/11/21/sale-of-first-wind-wont-affect-turbine-project-in-bingham-official-says/> ^[4]

Stantec acquires Portland engineering firm

Portland engineering firm Industry and Energy Associates LLC has been acquired by Edmonton, Alberta-based Stantec.

The acquisition, Stantec's fourth in Maine, adds IEA's 60 employees to Stantec's 200-person work force in Maine at offices in Portland, Scarborough, Topsham and Limestone, according to a press release from the

energy complements Stantec's work in design and environmental management.

Read the full article:

<http://www.mainebiz.biz/article/20100707/NEWS01/307079995/1092> [5]

Franklin County panel opens three proposals to update TIF

Read the full article:

Franklin County has received \$2.29 million as of September under a 2008 tax-increment financing enhancement agreement it has with TransCanada Maine Wind Development Inc. related to Kibby Wind Power in northern Franklin County. Money is coming in faster than initially expected, Magoon previously said. It was unknown when the agreement was approved what the wind operation's value would be once it was completed.

Project categories with the unorganized townships that qualify for funding range from scenic byway improvements to tourism packaging and marketing assistance to global positioning systems and trail improvements. Public safety/fire protection, emergency communications and scholarships for education also are qualified categories.

Read the full article:

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/franklin/2014/11/18/franklin-county-panel-opens-three-proposals-update-tif/1620034> [6]

Wind Industry Is An Economic Shot In The Arm

Pat DeFilipp, Project Manager at Reed and Reed in Maine calls wind power an economic shot in the arm. It is a nice clean industry to help any local economy. Stetson Wind, one of the largest wind projects in New England (\$50 million spent in 100 different Maine companies), kept workers in the state, something many people there have appreciated (even far beyond the employees).

Read the full article:

<http://cleantechnica.com/2014/12/01/wind-industry-economic-shot-arm/> [7]

Solar and Wind Energy Start to Win on Price vs. Conventional Fuels

For the solar and wind industries in the United States, it has been a long-held dream: to produce energy at a cost equal to conventional sources like coal and natural gas.

That day appears to be dawning.

The cost of providing electricity from wind and solar power plants has plummeted over the last five years, so much so that in some markets renewable generation is now cheaper than coal or natural gas.

Read the full article:

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/24/business/energy-environment/solar-and-wind-energy-start-to-win-on-price-vs-conventional-fuels.html?rref=business/energy-environment&_r=0 [8]

Second Pika turbine flies at National Wind Technology Center

A few hours northeast of the Lazy J Ranch, two Pika turbines are now flying at the nation's premiere facility for testing wind turbines big and small. The second turbine (at left) is mounted on a new steel monopole tower design. With oversight and support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratories, Pika is measuring the dynamics between the turbine and tower. The National Wind Technology Center in Boulder, CO routinely experiences brutal wind conditions that have provided us a great environment for measuring the safety and performance of our products.



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