

# Maine Wind & Ocean News Wrap up for March-Feb 2015

## **Bingham Wind project gets go-ahead**

Friends of Maine's Mountains abandoned its appeal of a decision approving the 56-turbine wind farm in Bingham, Mayfield Township and Kingsbury Plantation.

Read the full article

<https://www.centralmaine.com/2015/03/04/ingham-wind-project-gets-go-ahead/><sup>[1]</sup>

## **Vestas wins 40MW wind turbine order in Maine, US**

Vestas has secured a contract to supply turbines for the 40MW Passadumkeag wind farm in Penobscot County, Maine, US.

The deal with Quantum Utility Generation subsidiary Passadumkeag Windpark requires Vestas to deliver and commission 13 of its V112 3.075MW turbines.

Read the full article

<http://wind.cleantechnology-business-review.com/news/vestas-wins-40mw-wind-turbine-order-in-maine-us-270315-4541837><sup>[2]</sup>

## **Maine businesses see opportunity on the North Atlantic**

A Maine business delegation led by the Maine Ocean & Wind Industry Initiative attended the Arctic Technology Conference in Copenhagen this week, with a mission of touting the state's capabilities to the energy industry's leading engineering and scientific organizations that also were at the event.

"The proximity of Maine to this region is now enhanced by the Eimskip shipping line operating from Portland providing shipping services through Eastern Canada, Iceland and on to Northern Europe. The opportunities in the North Atlantic include growth in ocean energy, mining, infrastructure development, hydroelectricity, sub-sea cabling and arctic environmental studies."

Read the full article

<http://www.mainebiz.biz/article/20150327/NEWS0101/150329969><sup>[3]</sup>

## **Energy company seeks permits for wind testing towers in Somerset County**

Somerset Wind LLC ? a subsidiary of First Wind ? has applied for permission to install six meteorological towers in Chase Stream, Misery, Misery Gore and Johnson Mountain townships, according to Samantha Horn-Olsen, planning manager for the Land Use Planning Commission. First Wind was recently purchased by SunEdison, a global renewable energy corporation.

Read the full article

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/03/18/business/energy-company-seeks-permits-for-wind-testing-towers-in-somerset-county/><sup>[4]</sup>

## **In Settlement with AG, Maine Anti-Wind Group Must Reform**

A citizen's group that has opposed wind power development in Maine's western mountains must overhaul its board of directors and implement other reforms, as part of a settlement with Maine Attorney General Janet Mills.

Read the full article

<http://news.mpbnet.com/post/settlement-ag-maine-anti-wind-group-must-reform><sup>[5]</sup>

## **New Maine wind farm reopens legal questions**

Before wind power developer Atlantic Wind moves ahead with its 50-turbine project in Somerset County, state regulators want to answer big legal questions about what kind of financial ties the developer can have with Central Maine Power Co.

Both companies are owned by the Spanish utility Iberdrola, though both are separated by various levels of corporate subsidiary relationships.

The Maine Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday opened an investigation into that matter, seeking to determine whether the financial relationship between Iberdrola and subsidiaries Atlantic Wind and CMP create a sufficient shared financial interest to violate state law.

Regulators twice before found that a similar relationship between Nova Scotia-based Emera and wind developer First Wind did not violate the Maine law that in 2000 restructured power markets, creating a competitive bidding process for power generators.

Read the full article

<https://bangordailynews.com/2015/03/13/business/new-maine-wind-farm-reopens-key-legal-questions/><sup>[6]</sup>

## **It's official: Pika receives two certifications**

Pika has just earned two important new certifications. The Small Wind Certification Council certified the power performance of the Pika T701 turbine. Its official numbers are 1.7kW peak output, 1.5kW rated output at 11 m/s wind speed, and monthly energy production of 202 kWh at 5 m/s average wind speed. Testing was conducted at the High Plains Regional Test Center in western Kansas. The other good news is that the Interstate Turbine Advisory Council (ITAC) has added the Pika T701 to its "Unified List of Wind Turbines". As a result, the Pika T701 is now eligible for small wind incentives in states including New York, Oregon, and Maryland.

## **Northern Maine Community College Holds 2015 Job Fair**

47 businesses showed up with job openings, showing that there are jobs available in the County including Reed and Reed.

Hi I'm representing Reed and Reed, and we're here today to try to hire people for our wind project in Oakfield, Maine. We're looking to hire electricians, and wind turbine technicians and mechanics.

Read the full article

<http://wagmtv.com/northern-maine-community-college-holds-2015-job-fair/><sup>[7]</sup>

## **Bath company, Custom Composite to Host MIT Solar Electric Vehicle Team**

Custom Composite Technologies, Inc. (CCTI), a locally-owned small business in Bath, Maine, will host the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Solar Vehicle Electric Team (SVET) in the production of their newest solar car. The MIT SVET is a student-run organization that designs, builds, and races solar cars in domestic and international challenges.

Read the full article

<http://www.mainewindindustry.com/node/40903><sup>[8]</sup>



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