



Mr. Jay Guber, Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Freedom
P. O. Box 88
71 Pleasant Street
Freedom, Maine 04941

Dear Mr. Guber:

Pursuant to the Town of Freedom, Building Ordinance, as adopted by the Town of Freedom at a Special Town Meeting on May 16, 1990, please find enclosed herein an application for a building permit to construct three (3) wind turbines on property leased from by C. Ronald and Susan M. price shown on the Town's Tax Map #6 as lot 1-1 and known as Beaver Ridge.

This application is being submitted by Maine Energy Aggregation Company, LLC and its affiliates, Competitive Energy Services, LLC and Maine Renewable Energy, all Maine companies with a significant presence in the Maine energy market.

Competitive Energy Services is a licensed to operate in Maine by the Maine Public Utilities Commission as a competitive energy provider. In this capacity, Competitive Energy Services acts primarily to assist Maine companies, institutions and organizations procure electricity, natural gas, propane and fuel oils. Among our current customers are many of Maine's largest and most respected organizations, including L.L. Bean, the University of Maine, Hannaford Bros., Bowdoin College, Eastern Maine Medical Center and the State of Maine – and a number of companies and institutions in and around Freedom, including the Belfast Coop, Energyworks, Hidden Valley Camps, Ingraham Equipment Company, Liberty Graphic, Unity College, the Waldo County YMCA and the Waldo County General Hospital.

In addition to procurement services, Competitive Energy Services, under the brand name Maine Renewable Energy, is the only alternative provider of electricity to residential and small businesses in Maine. Maine Renewable Energy (MRE) supplies more than 2,000 customers in Maine with electricity that is 100% renewable, zero emissions and generated in Maine from hydroelectric facilities that are certified as Low-Impact Hydro facilities.

We have been evaluating the wind potential of the Beaver Ridge site for more than one year. As you recall, we applied for and received a permit to install a 40 meter temporary tower and wind anemometer in November 2004 (Permit #236). We have been continuously monitoring

wind conditions over the past 15 months and have determined that these conditions are adequate to support the installation of wind turbines. Accordingly, we are seeking a permit to construct three (3) such wind turbines.

Our proposed wind project is a unique one for Maine. As you will note, we are not a large multi-national company. Instead, we are a Maine company, owned by Maine residents, some of whom have strong family ties to the Freedom area and family, friends or colleagues who live near the proposed project. We are not proposing to develop a “wind farm”, where open space, a coastline or a ridge is lined from one end to the other with wind turbines. Instead, we are proposing to develop a small-scale wind project that we believe fits harmoniously with the community and environment.

This is our vision of how wind needs to be developed in Maine. Far from detracting from the character of Freedom, we believe that our project will enhance many of Freedom’s most important community qualities – preservation of open space, increased energy independence, reduced air pollution. In addition, our project will enhance Freedom’s fiscal situation by providing tax revenues to the Town without imposing any new demands for public services such as schools, roads, sewers or police and fire protection.

Our application provides you with the documentation and information required per the Town’s Building Ordinance. In addition, we have appended certain technical documentation regarding the wind turbines we are proposing to install. If, as you review our application, you have any questions or feel you need additional information, please contact us. We are committed to providing you in a timely and useful manner with the information you need to understand and review our proposed project.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you to secure approval to construct this very important and beneficial project.

With best regards,



Richard Silkman
Managing Member



Mark Isaacson
Managing Member

Enclosure

Application for Permit to Town of Freedom