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Dear Resident of Freedom:

We had not intended to write to you so soon after our last letter, but certain representations being made by the Bennetts regarding legal action taken by CES warrants a rapid response. Specifically, we want to address the accusation that CES is “suing 28 residents of Freedom”.

It is true that CES appealed the March 15<sup>th</sup> decision of the Town’s Board of Appeals to Maine Superior Court. As you may or may not know, the Bennetts appealed the very same Board of Appeals decision to Maine Superior Court before CES did. In total 28 residents were listed as parties to the Bennett’s appeal. Unfortunately, Maine Court procedures require that when an appeal is made, ALL of the parties in the case must be “served papers”. In fact, when the Bennetts (the 28 Freedom residents listed on the Appeal) appealed the Board of Appeals decision they effectively sued CES, and we were “served papers”. CES was likewise required to notify each of the 28 appellants of our own appeal in order to preserve their rights as interested parties and their ability to participate in the proceedings. Based on the fact that many of these residents were surprised when they were “served papers”, we suspect that neither the Bennetts nor their attorney informed them that, by signing on to the Bennett’s appeal, they would become parties to the case and be necessarily subject to this action.

We commit today to withdraw our appeal immediately after the referendum on June 12<sup>th</sup> – regardless of how the town votes on the referendum. We challenge the Bennetts to do the same and withdraw their own lawsuit against the Town and spare Freedom the expense associated with a legal appeal. We also hope opponents to the wind project will put an end to the misinformation and propaganda that has been used to try and discredit CES and the benefits that the Beaver Ridge Wind Project would bring to Freedom. CES is not a “big business from Portland harassing residents of Freedom”. We are a small Maine company with strong ties to Freedom trying to bring a new clean renewable energy project to the Town.

Furthermore, CES has committed to building the very same project that was proposed, extensively reviewed, and ultimately approved by the Town Planning Board if the Ordinances are repealed. This commitment includes using turbines with the same or lower maximum sound output, meeting the same setbacks to residences and property lines, and complying with every single one of the items listed in Article 8 Section 5 of the Ordinances titled “Wind Energy Facility Siting And Construction”.

Despite this commitment to build the project exactly as proposed to the Planning Board, CES understands that residents have legitimate concerns regarding operation of the wind project without Ordinances in place. CES will address these concerns by:

1. Installing equipment in the turbines that will slow the rotation of the blades and thereby reduce sound output if turbine sound emissions exceed their rated dba. The rotation would be slowed to the point at which the turbine sound output matched the expected rated value that was evaluated in the sound study conducted on our project by Anthony Rodgers of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
2. Appointing a resident of Freedom to act as a community liaison. This person would be available to hear complaints, visit any resident that has made a complaint and will communicate directly with the owners of CES. CES will hold regular meetings with the community liaison as a way to help stay on top of any issues and fix them before they become problems.
3. Establishing a call in number for complaints that will be monitored by CES and forwarded to the community liaison.

We hope that you will support our wind project when you go to the polls on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The reasons for doing so are many. We need to take action today to reduce the impact of global warming which could turn out to be the most serious environmental crisis we have every faced. We need to reduce the mercury, sulfur dioxides and nitrogen oxides that fossil fired power plants spew into our air and water today. We need to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy for economic and national security reasons. Closer to home, Freedom residents will enjoy the meaningful tax benefits of our project which will impose no additional burdens on the Town's public services. Freedom residents can also help preserve farmland and open space by supporting our project.

We look forward to being a productive part of your community.

Sincerely,



Mark Isaacson



Richard Silkman



Andrew Price