

UPDATE ON THE FOX ISLANDS WIND PROJECT December 7, 2010

THE WIND PROJECT EXPERIENCES A GREAT FIRST YEAR: On December 1, Fox Islands Wind entered its second year of commercial operation. Highlights from the first year include:

- **12,105 MWh of clean power produced**, exceeding the project's original production goal by **4.35%** in spite of significant downtime during February and increased Noise Reduced Operation that had not originally been anticipated.
- Renewable energy generation equaling the BTUs of **7,075 barrels of oil**.
- **5,615 tons of carbon dioxide** not released into the atmosphere.
- **More than a 27% reduction in the energy portion of Fox Island's electric rates** as compared to the previous year.

We look forward to seeing the turbines continue to operate reliably and meet or surpass the success of 2010 in the coming year.

Sound Issues

On November 23, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requested that Fox Islands Wind (FIW) submit a revised protocol for the operation of the wind project. In a letter, the DEP detailed a turbine-noise complaint filed in July 2010 on behalf of some of the neighbors living near the project. After reviewing the case, the DEP has asked that FIW alter its operation under very specific and infrequent meteorological conditions during which the project may have exceeded nighttime limits by two decibels during a single 70-minute period between July 17 and July 18.

The Coop and FIW disagree with the methods used by the DEP's sound consultant in this analysis but welcome the Department's effort to finally resolve this issue for everyone involved. We want to be good neighbors, successfully address the concerns during these conditions, and bring this matter to a conclusion. In accordance with its request, a draft of the revised protocol was submitted to the DEP on December 3.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Study and Other Efforts

The Coop completed its survey of members within a one-mile radius of the wind project at the end of November. Researchers will now begin the process of evaluating the subjective experiences logged by members and analyzing relevant sound data from the survey period. We will keep you abreast of developments of this project in the new year and post any updates on www.foxislands.com. Many thanks to Karol Kucinski for his efforts in helping to coordinate the logging effort.

In addition, General Electric has informed us that a blade treatment technology that may reduce sound levels from the turbines should be available for testing in early 2011. We hope to have more details about this development soon.

**WARM WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY FROM EVERYONE AT
THE FOX ISLANDS COOPERATIVE AND FOX ISLANDS WIND**