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Nine Turbine Blades Set to Arrive in Rockland

Nine 123 foot long turbine blades are scheduled to travel on oversized trailers from Eastport to Rockland this week, to be installed at the Fox Islands Wind project on Vinalhaven. The blades will arrive in two shipments. The first convoy, consisting of two trucks, is scheduled to leave Eastport on Tuesday, August 11, at approximately 8 a.m. The trucks will use Route 1 to Belfast. From there the convoy will travel onto Route 3 to Route 32, and then enter Rockland on Route 17 at approximately 1:00-2:00 p.m. The route through Rockland will take the shipment onto North Main Street to Cedar Street to Front Street. The blades will be delivered to the Prock Marine yard at 69 Front Street in Rockland. On Wednesday, the shipment will be loaded onto a barge in preparation for cast off at 12:45 p.m. The vessel will be taken across to Vinalhaven, where the cargo will be unloaded at Carver's Harbor. The scheduled time of arrival on Vinalhaven is 3:45 p.m. Cianbro crews will unload the blades and send the empty trailers back across the bay at 6:00 p.m.

A second shipment is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 14. Five blades will travel the same route as the first shipment from Eastport to Rockland, this time utilizing three trailer trucks. The blades will be loaded onto the barge on Saturday, August 15. After an off day on Sunday, the vessel will be taken across to Vinalhaven on Monday, August 17.

Prof. George Baker, CEO of Fox Islands Wind, and Vice President of Community Wind at the Island Institute, expresses gratitude to local citizens for their patience in this effort. "We realize that transporting such large components can create inconvenience for the traveling public," says Baker. "But we've worked with all the proper agencies and parties to try to minimize the disruption. This project will pay off in big benefits both for the environment and for our island neighbors in the form of a stable power supply in the future."

Chip Farrington is a resident of Vinalhaven, and the General Manager of the Fox Islands Electric Cooperative. He says, "The Fox Islands Electric Cooperative is looking forward to the arrival of the first load of wind turbine components. To us, their size represents the enormous effort that the communities have made to develop our local wind resource, as well as the hopes that we have for a future of stabilized power prices and reduced dependence on foreign oil."

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