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Alex and Bill

Good Morning

Below are talking points for the announcement agreement on why this project is a key for Vermont's energy future. I'm sending in hopes and expectation that we will come to a conclusion today and that it can be announced this afternoon by the Governor and Mary. I'll keep you posted.

Thanks

Robert

**Kingdom Community Wind
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Kingdom Community Wind is a project proposed by Green Mountain Power, in partnership with Vermont Electric Cooperative, to build 20 – 21 wind turbines on Lowell Mountain, producing up to 63 megawatts of electricity. Green Mountain Power's share of the project will provide enough electricity to power 20,000 homes for a year.

In development of this project, GMP has adhered to the “Gold Standard” that sets the bar for community involvement, environmental mitigation and economic development of renewable energy projects.

Kingdom Community Wind:

- **Community-supported** – 75% of Lowell citizens support the project.
- **A good neighbor** – The Good Neighbor Fund sharing economic value with neighboring towns.
- **An important step in Energy Independence:** Vermont-based - Energy stays in Vermont for Vermonters – enough for 20,000 homes –
- **Supports the Vermont economy** – over \$1 million in taxes and payments to the education fund, Lowell and surrounding towns.
- **Creating Jobs** in the N.E. Kingdom & keeping Vermont energy dollars in state supporting our economy (Jay Peak and Lowell will be providing lots of good jobs and economic activity in the Kingdom)
- **Renewable energy that’s cost effective** and decreases in cost over time
- **Environmentally sustainable** – meeting or exceeding all environmental standards

Kingdom Community Wind is Community Supported

- In a vote held on Town Meeting Day last March with very high voter turnout, 75% of voters supported the project in their community. GMP always said this vote was essential to moving forward.

Kingdom Community Wind is a good neighbor

- Acknowledging that nearby residents will be affected by any size energy project, GMP has sought community involvement from the very beginning - working directly with landowners and community members to study the economic and environmental impacts, and seeking to minimize and mitigate those impacts wherever possible.
- GMP will pay property taxes in Lowell, and provide a Good neighbor fund to nearby communities.

Kingdom Community Wind is Vermont-Based

- utility-owned, providing power for Vermont, and helping to ensure stable electricity prices.

- Development process respectful of Vermont's values, with community outreach and debate, and a town meeting vote held before GMP proceeded with the PSB approval process.
- Meets or exceeds all standards set by Vermont regulators

Kingdom Community Wind supports the Vermont economy & create jobs

- Building Vermont-based renewable energy projects provides a double boost to the local economy: creating well-paying jobs in the near-term and stabilizing our energy portfolio to give Vermont consumers more affordable energy in the long-term.

Kingdom Community Wind is a smart strategy to deliver affordable electricity

- With oil approaching \$100 a barrel, continued instability in the Middle East, and gas at over \$3.25 a gallon, this Vermont-based wind project provides clean, renewable power that strengthens our energy independence.
- At 10 – 11 cents per kilowatt hour, this is one of the lowest cost new renewable power sources available. After construction, the project has no on-going fuel expenses, helping to insulate GMP and VEC customers from future price increases on fossil fuels or a tax on greenhouse gas emissions.

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