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For Wednesday January 11, 2012, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm:

“Farmer-Owned Community Wind in Maine: What is it? And Is it Right for You and Your Family?”: Day 1

Hosted by Windependence, the Distributed Wind Energy Association and the Greater Portland Council of Governments

Speakers:

1. ***Jason Greenspan***, Vergnet Americas – www.verqnet.com, based in MA and France, 275 kw wind turbines
2. ***Sue Jones***, Windependence - sue@mainewindependence.org
3. ***Brian Kuhn***, Aeronautica - <http://aeronauticawind.com> based in MA, 225 kw and 660 kw wind turbines
4. ***Mark Mayhew***, New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA), one of the best programs supporting small and community wind in the U.S. <http://nyserda.ny.gov/Page-Sections/Renewables/Small-Wind.aspx>
5. ***Brennen McLean***, Endurance Wind – www.endurancewindpower.com, based in Vancouver and Utah, 5 kw, 35 kw, and 50 kw wind turbines
6. ***Steve Wilkie***, Sustainable Energy Developments, Inc. - <http://sed-net.com>, distributed and community wind engineering firm
7. ***Others representing the community wind and industry sectors***

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.: Welcome, and Introductions of Windependence, DWEA, and all of the speakers for today and tomorrow’s events, and a brief update of some of the events and activities in store for 2012 for community wind in Maine.

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.: "Windfarmer to Windfarmer Exchange": Come hear a facilitated panel of 3-4 Maine farmers with various-sized wind turbines installed on their farms tell of their experiences with wind technology: their trials and tribulations, their successes, their advice, and even some funny stories.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: **Facilitated Wind Turbine Vendor Panel and Q & A: “Tell us about your Wind Turbines”:** Window shopping for a turbine? Good luck! Instead, come meet representatives of small and medium-sized wind turbines for a fast-paced Q & A about their turbines. Learn first-hand about the next generation of technology to reduce your on-farm’s long-term electricity costs. Come prepared and leave with your questions answered.

Sample questions and inquiries for each of the turbine representatives:

Tell me about your wind turbine. What makes it different and unique compared to other turbines? How much does it cost? What is its estimated life? Do you offer self-financing or any other company incentives? Do you offer performance guarantees? Do I need to install an anemometer ahead of time? What assistance do you offer for siting? Do you offer help with writing grants?

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: **Casual Reception and Social Hour with all Speakers and Wind Sector Representatives (drinks and light hors d'oeuvres).**

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For Thursday January 12, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.:

“Farmer-Owned Community Wind in Maine: What is it? And Is it Right for You and Your Family?”: Day 2

Hosted by Windependence, the Distributed Wind Energy Association and the Greater Portland Council of Governments

Speakers:

1. **Dana Fischer**, Efficiency Maine Trust - <http://www.energymaine.com>
2. **Jason Greenspan**, Vergnet Americas – www.verqnet.com, based in MA and France, 275 kw wind turbines
3. **Sue Jones**, Windependence - sue@mainewindependence.org
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8. **Others representing the community wind and industry sectors**

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.: Welcome, and Introductions of Windependence, DWEA, and all of the speakers for today's session, and a brief update of some of the events and activities in store for 2012 for community wind in Maine

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.: Presentation by Brennen McLean: "Wind 101: "Where do I start with small wind on my farm? Siting, Sizing and Choosing a Wind Turbine"

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.: Short break

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.: Presentations: "What policies and incentives are available to help me?"

1. **Dana Fischer: Maine Rebates** for Small Wind Turbines (up to 100 kw), and an update on the PACE municipal loan program as it relates to wind turbines
2. **Sue Jones: Maine Net Energy Billing** and Wind Power, a cost-effective way for farmers and others to generate up the power needed by up to 10 meters, on-site and off-site, up to 660 kw
3. **Sue Jones: USDA Grants and Loan Programs**, an update and primer on the successful Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), and others aimed at famers and small businesses that can help fund wind projects

11:30 - 12:15 p.m.: Facilitated Feedback and Brainstorming Session for Farmers and Those in the Agricultural Community: How can Windependence and DWEA help you?

- What resources do you need?
- What's preventing you from installing a wind turbine?
- How can we better connect with you and communicate with you about the technology?
- What methods are the best ways to reach you – webinars, blogs, websites, etc.?