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FirstWind of Maine Renewable Energy Credits Available for Purchase
Maine Consumers Can Now Support Zero-Emission Electricity Generator

YARMOUTH, Maine – Maine-based wind energy company Endless Energy Corporation (EEC) and Maine Interfaith Power and Light (MeIPL), an electricity aggregator, have announced that Maine consumers can now buy the environmental benefits of wind power from Maine’s first wind turbine. EEC and MeIPL have reached an agreement regarding the sale of renewable energy credits from EEC’s Orland wind turbine, to be marketed under the name “FirstWind of Maine.” These renewable energy credits, also known as “RECs” or “green tags,” will be generated by a wind turbine located at G.M. Allen and Son blueberry plant in Orland, Maine.

Maine Interfaith Power and Light has agreed to purchase 100% of the available tags as part of its mission to support electricity generation that “has the least possible adverse effect” on the environment. MeIPL will in turn resell these FirstWind of Maine tags to Maine consumers. These tags represent the first time Mainers have been able to directly support the construction of new, zero-emission wind turbines in Maine.

A renewable energy credit (REC) represents an amount of electricity generated from an energy source that is naturally produced, such as wind, hydro, solar, and other technologies. Renewable energy credits are sold to consumers interested in supporting clean energy in the U.S. The renewable energy credits produced by the Orland turbine – called FirstWind of Maine – provide consumers a way to offset the pollution generated by the burning of fossil fuels. Endless Energy Corporation installed the 100-foot turbine under the US Department of Energy’s “Wind Power America” program in January 2001.

Consumers who purchase FirstWind of Maine energy credits can help reduce fossil fuel emissions because the credits they purchase are generated from renewable energy sources and sent to the power grid – thus displacing the use of gas, coal or uranium to produce electricity. Renewable energy credits allow people who are staying

on the default program, known as standard offer, to purchase the environmental benefits of renewable energy.

“With this agreement, for the first time Maine consumers will have the option of purchasing renewable energy credits generated from a Maine energy source. By doing so, they can prevent fossil fuel emissions and send a message that renewable energy is here to stay,” said Harley Lee, the president of Endless Energy.

MeIPL markets electricity from renewable energy sources including wind, solar, biomass and low-impact hydroelectric facilities. Currently, nearly all Mainers use the default program, known as standard offer, which comes from fossil fuel and out-of-state nuclear sources. MeIPL has been marketing “green tags” to Maine residents since January 23, 2003; currently more than 1,300 Mainers have signed up for the program.

“The Board is proud to be able to offer green credits from a Maine source and help create choices for residential consumers. By buying FirstWind of Maine energy credits, consumers in Maine are helping create a market for renewable energy and moving forward the cause of protecting our environment,” according to MeIPL President Peter Felsenthal.

Maine Interfaith Power and Light, Inc., is a non-profit electricity aggregator based in Brunswick. MeIPL introduced green power to Mainers in January 2003, through its offer of two different green electricity products. These First Wind of Maine tags represent a third product offering for MeIPL (www.MeIPL.org).

Endless Energy is a Maine-based wind energy company currently seeking approval for a 29-turbine wind farm to be located four miles west of Sugarloaf Mountain ski area and eight miles south of Stratton, Maine. The Redington Wind Farm will generate an estimated 200 million-kilowatt hours a year, enough energy to power 33,000 Maine homes, and prevent an estimated 600,000 pounds of pollution per day.

Note to editor:

A high-resolution photo from the recent Orland turbine installation is available at <http://endlessenergy.com/photos/orland/R0010074.JPG>, photo caption: The energy produced at this 100-foot turbine in Orland, Maine helps provide the first Maine-based renewable energy credits, called “FirstWind of Maine.” -30-

