



# EAST HAVEN WINDFARM

Providing Clean, Low Cost Electricity to the Northeast Kingdom

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## **Windfarm Demonstration Project Launched**

MONTPELIER – Montpelier wind energy entrepreneur Mathew Rubin announced plans today to construct four wind turbines at the summit of East Mountain in the Northeast Kingdom.

Rubin's company – East Haven Windfarm – notified the Northeastern Vermont Development Association of the plan to ask the state Public Service Board for a permit to build the project in the fall of 2004. Such advance notification is required under Vermont law. The project will be the first utility scale windfarm built in the state since the Searsburg windfarm in 1997. The two projects produce approximately the same amount of power.

Rubin called the turbines a “demonstration project” intended to show Vermonters and especially residents of the Northeast Kingdom that the project will deliver clean, reliable and affordable power to the region with minimal adverse impact.

“After consulting with people throughout the region and the state, we decided a demonstration project could go a long way toward showing Vermonters the benefits of wind energy,” Rubin said. “And keeping this low-priced power in the Northeast Kingdom for use by its homeowners and businesses increases its benefit locally.”

The four turbines are planned for East Mountain in the town of East Haven, the site of a former Air Force radar base, which had been off limits to the public for years until Rubin purchased the property in 2001. The six-megawatt capacity project will generate approximately 19,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, enough to power about 3,000 Vermont homes.

All of the windfarm's output will be sold to the Village of Lyndonville Electric Department at below market rates. It will provide almost one-third of the electricity consumed by their residential and business customers.

“The project will show Vermonters that we can deliver clean, reliable power at a cheaper price to the community,” Rubin said. “I believe that the project will make a powerful statement about

the role of clean energy in a more secure economy and will allow the debate about wind power in Vermont to be based on facts, not conjecture.”

Power from the project will be delivered via power lines that run down an existing road from the radar base. After traveling via power line down the mountain, the power will be delivered to a substation in Burke.

Rubin said the public will soon have access to the land again for hunting and other recreational activities. The proposal comes after two years spent collecting data on wind speed and other weather conditions. He said conditions are right for a larger wind project that would deliver clean energy and reduce electric rates for the area.

“We think there is room for 75 megawatts in the area and that could make a real dent in power costs,” said Rubin. “But we really wanted to start small so we can all learn about the benefits.”

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