

# **Fall 2006 Radar Surveys of Nighttime Migration Activity at the Proposed Windpark in Coos County, New Hampshire by Granite Reliable Power, LLC**

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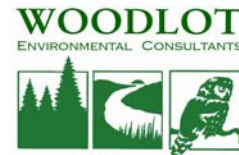
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## Executive Summary

During fall 2006, Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. conducted a radar survey of nocturnal migration at the proposed windpark in Coos County, New Hampshire. The surveys are part of permitting efforts by Granite Reliable Power, LLC (Granite) for the development of a wind power development at that site. The field investigation included a survey of nighttime activity in the vicinity of the project using radar and represents the first of a set of field investigations planned by Granite at this site.

The surveys were conducted from September 9 to October 12, 2006. The overall goal of the survey was to document nocturnal migration in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm, including the number of migrants, their flight direction, and their flight altitude. The results of these field surveys, especially when reviewed along with results of the spring 2007 surveys, will provide useful information about site-specific migration activity and patterns in the vicinity of the project.

The fall radar survey targeted 30 nights of radar surveys to collect and record video samples of the radar during horizontal operation, which documents the abundance, flight path, and speed of targets moving through the project area, and vertical operation, which documents the altitude of targets. Nightly passage rates varied from  $22 \pm 6$  targets per kilometer per hour (t/km/hr) to  $1,098 \pm 177$  t/km/hr, with an overall passage rate for the entire survey period of  $469 \pm 46$  t/km/hr. The mean passage rate for this study is generally comparable to other studies conducted during previous years at different locations in the region. Mean flight direction through the project area was to the southwest,  $223^\circ \pm 57^\circ$ , which is typical of fall migration in the region. Flight direction varied between nights and was probably due to nightly variation in weather (particularly wind direction and speed).

The mean flight height of targets was 455 meters (m)  $\pm 15$  m ( $1,493' \pm 269'$ ) above the radar site. The average nightly flight height ranged from  $310 \text{ m} \pm 20 \text{ m}$  ( $1,017' \pm 207'$ ) to  $638 \text{ m} \pm 25 \text{ m}$  ( $2,094' \pm 280'$ ). The percent of targets observed flying below 125 m (125'), the approximate maximum height of modern wind turbines, also varied by night, from 0 percent to 5 percent. The seasonal average percentage of targets flying below this height was 1 percent.



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## 1.0 Introduction

Granite Reliable Power, LLC (Granite) has proposed the construction of a wind development located in Coos County, New Hampshire (Figure 1). The project layout would include the erection of up to 67 wind turbines on or near the summits of Mt. Kelsey, Owlhead Mountain, the east side of Whitcomb Mountain, the east side of Long Mountain, and an un-named peak just west of Mt. Patience (herein referred to as Fish Brook Ridge) (the project). The project would include turbine pads, turbines, access roads to and along the ridgelines, and a power collection system. The proposed turbines would have a height of approximately 125 meters (410').

The topography within this region of New Hampshire is mountainous with elevations ranging from approximately 305 m (1,000') to 1,036 m (3,400'). These mountains occur within a landscape dominated by industrial forestry practices. High elevation spruce-fir forest exists at some of the summits, with the surrounding side slopes and valleys predominately yellow-birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*), American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), and sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), species typically found in northern hardwood – conifer forests.

Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. (Woodlot), now Stantec Consulting<sup>1</sup>, conducted a radar survey of nocturnal migration activity in the vicinity of the project during the fall 2006 migration period. This was the first of two seasons of radar surveys planned at this site. The overall goal of the survey was to document nocturnal migration in the vicinity of the project area, including the number of migrants, their flight direction, and their flight altitude.

## 2.0 Methods

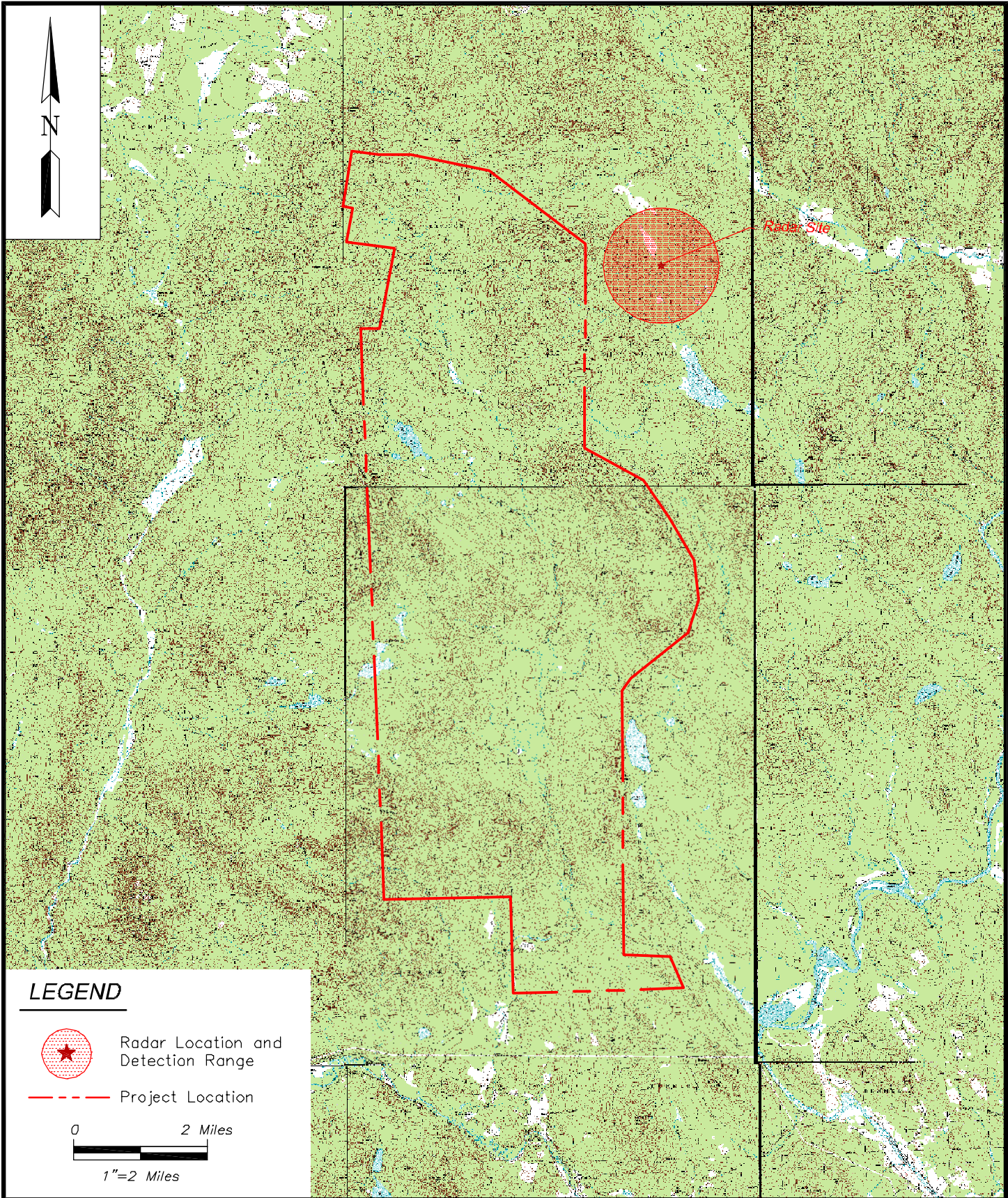
### 2.1 Field Methods

The radar study was conducted near the northeastern end of the project area (Figure 1). The radar was located across the valley east of Mt. Kelsey and Owlhead Mountain, at an elevation of approximately 610 m (2,000')<sup>2</sup>. A marine surveillance radar similar to that described by Cooper *et al.* (1991) was used during field data collection. The radar has a peak power output of 12 kW and has the ability to track small animals, including birds, bats, and even insects, based on settings selected for the radar functions. It cannot, however, readily distinguish between different types of animals being detected. Consequently, all animals observed on the radar screen are called targets. The radar has an echo trail function that maintains past echoes of trails. During all operations, the radar's echo trail was set to 30 seconds.

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<sup>1</sup> On October 1, 2007 Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. was formally acquired by Stantec Consulting, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Efforts were made to locate the radar survey station along one of the ridgelines proposed for development. However, inadequate access and logistical constraints precluded this. Consequently, a lower elevation site near the ridgelines proposed for development was selected.



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Radar Location Map

PROJECT:

Noble Windpark  
Errol, New Hampshire

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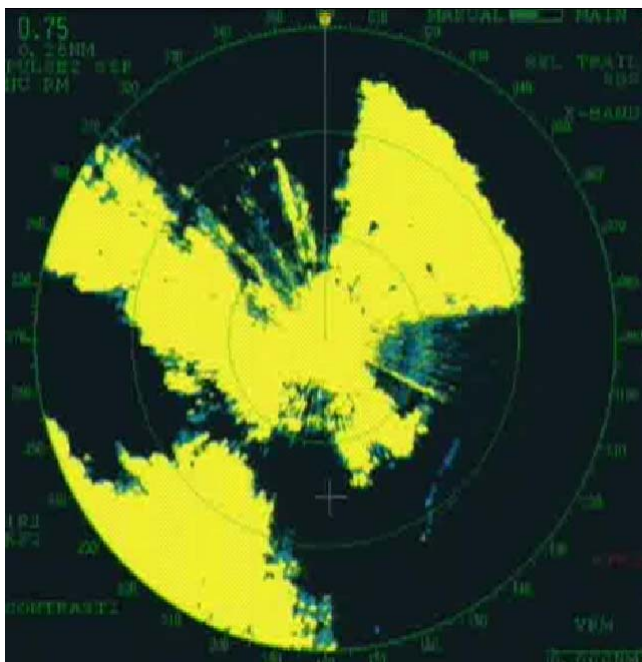
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The radar was equipped with a 2-m (6.5') waveguide antenna. The antenna has a vertical beam height of  $20^{\circ}$  ( $10^{\circ}$  above and below horizontal) and the front end of the antenna was inclined approximately  $5^{\circ}$  to increase the proportion of the beam directed into the sky.

Objects on the ground detected by the radar cause returns on the radar screen (echoes) that appear as blotches called ground clutter. Large amounts of ground clutter reduce the ability of the radar to track birds and bats flying over those areas. However, vegetation and hilltops near the radar can be used to reduce or eliminate ground clutter by 'hiding' clutter-causing objects from the radar. These nearby features also cause ground clutter, but their proximity to the radar antenna can limit the ground clutter to the center of the radar screen (Figure 2). The presence of ground clutter and other objects that could reduce clutter were important factors considered during the site selection process.



**Figure 2.** Ground clutter in project area

Nightly radar surveys were conducted from sunset to sunrise. Thirty nights of surveys were targeted for sampling beginning the night of September 9 and ending the night of October 12, 2006. Because the anti-rain function of the radar must be turned down to detect small songbirds and bats, surveys could not be conducted during periods of inclement weather. Therefore, surveys were targeted largely for nights without rain. However, to characterize nighttime movement patterns during nights without optimal migration conditions, nights with weather forecasts including occasional showers were sampled.

The radar was operated in two modes during each hour of each night surveyed. In the first mode, surveillance, the antenna spins horizontally to survey the airspace around the radar and detects targets moving through the area. By analyzing the echo trail, the flight direction of targets can be determined. In the second mode of operation, vertical, the antenna is rotated  $90^{\circ}$  to vertically survey the airspace above the radar (Harmata *et al.* 1999). In vertical mode, target

echoes do not provide directional data but do provide information on the altitude of targets passing through the vertical, 20° radar beam.

The radar was operated at a range of 1.4 kilometers (km) (0.75 nautical miles). At this range, the echoes of small birds can be easily detected, observed, and tracked. At greater ranges, larger birds can be detected, but the echoes of small birds are reduced in size and restricted to a smaller portion of the radar screen, reducing the ability to observe the movement pattern of individual targets.

## **2.2 Data Collection**

The radar display was connected to video recording software of a computer. Based on a random sequence for each night, approximately 25 minutes of video samples were recorded during each hour of operation. These included 15 one-minute horizontal samples and 10 one-minute vertical samples. The pattern of randomly recorded horizontal and vertical samples was repeated each hour of the night after sunset and throughout each night surveyed.

During each hour, additional information was also recorded, including weather conditions and ceilometer observations. Ceilometer observations involved directing a one-million candlepower spotlight vertically into the sky in a manner similar to that described by Gauthreaux (1969). The ceilometer beam was observed by eye for 5 minutes to document and characterize low-flying (below 125 m [410']) targets. The ceilometer was held in-hand so that any birds, bats, or insects passing through it could be tracked for several seconds, if needed. Observations from each ceilometer observation period were recorded, including the number of birds, bats, and insects observed. This information was used during data analysis to help characterize activity of insects, birds, and bats.

## **2.3 Data Analysis**

Video samples were analyzed using a digital analysis software tool developed by Woodlot. For horizontal samples, targets were identified as birds and bats rather than insects based on their speed. The speed of targets was corrected for wind speed and direction; targets traveling faster than approximately 6 m per second were identified as a bird or bat target (Larkin 1991, Bruderer and Boldt 2001). The software tool recorded the time, location, and flight vector for each target traveling fast enough to be a bird or bat. The results for each sample were output to a spreadsheet. For vertical samples, the software tool recorded the entry point of targets passing through the vertical radar beam, the time, and flight altitude above the radar location. The results for each sample were output to a spreadsheet. These datasets were then used to calculate passage rate (reported as targets per km of migratory front per hour [t/km/hr]), flight direction, and flight altitude of targets.

Mean target flight directions ( $\pm 1$  circular standard deviation) were summarized using software designed specifically to analyze directional data (Oriana2© Kovach Computing Services). The statistics used for this are based on Batschelet (1965), which take into account the circular nature of the data. Nightly wind direction was also summarized using similar methods using data collected from the Berlin regional airport.

Flight altitude data were summarized using linear statistics. Mean flight altitudes ( $\pm 1$  standard error) were calculated by hour, night, and overall season. The percent of targets flying below

125 m (410') (the approximate maximum height of the proposed wind turbines) was also calculated hourly, for each night, and for the entire survey period.

### 3.0 Results

Radar surveys were conducted during 328 hours on 30 nights between September 9 and October 12, 2006 (Appendix A Table 1). Some nights with periods of rain resulted in fewer hours of data recorded on those nights. Although the radar was not located at the summit of the ridgeline proposed for development, the radar site still provided generally good visibility of the surrounding airspace and targets were observed flying into and out of the ground clutter (Figure 2). Ground clutter was common on the radar screen. However, observations of targets entering and exiting the areas of ground clutter indicated that, in general, the visibility around the radar site and the radar's ability to detect and track nighttime migration was good.

#### 3.1 Passage Rates

Nightly passage rates varied from  $22 \pm 6$  t/km/hr (October 11) to  $1,098 \pm 177$  t/km/hr (September 22), and the overall passage rate for the entire survey period was  $469 \pm 46$  t/km/hr (Figure 3; Appendix A Table 2). Five percent of all radar targets were identified as insects, and were not included in the passage rates.

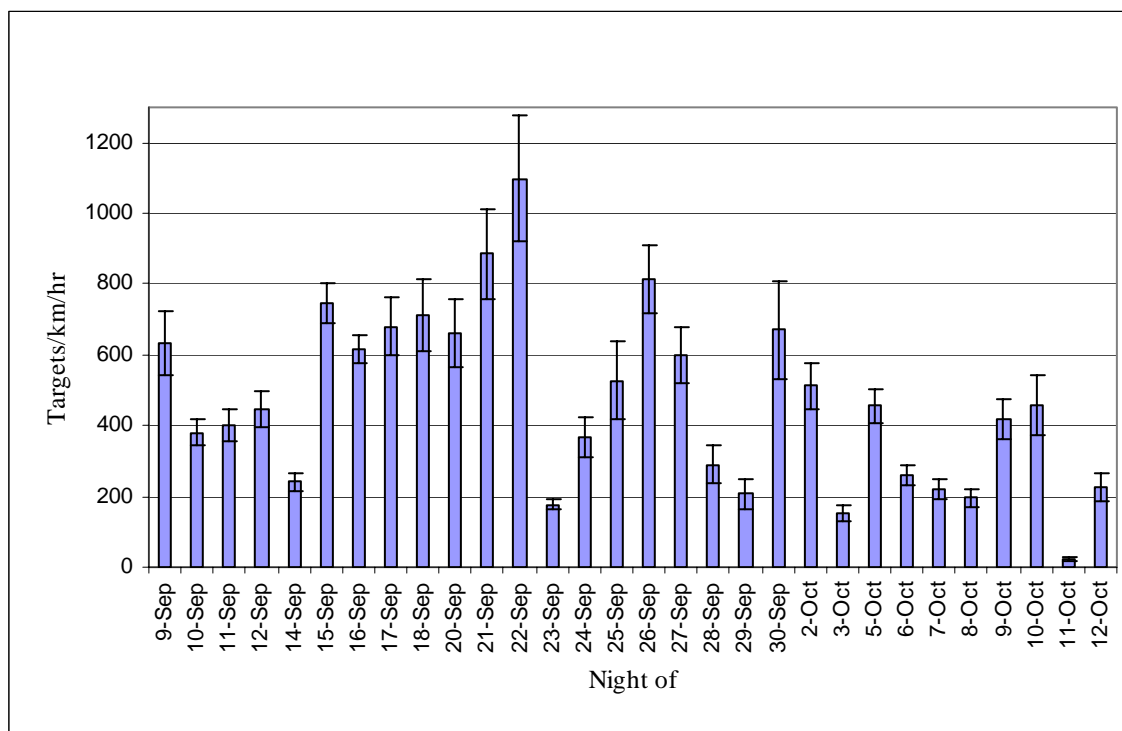


Figure 3. Nightly passage rates (error bars = +1 standard error) observed

Hourly passage rates varied greatly throughout each night and for the season overall. For the entire season, passage rate peaked four to seven hours after sunset and was followed by a gradual decrease through the remainder of the night, with a significant decrease in the two hours prior to sunrise (Figure 4).



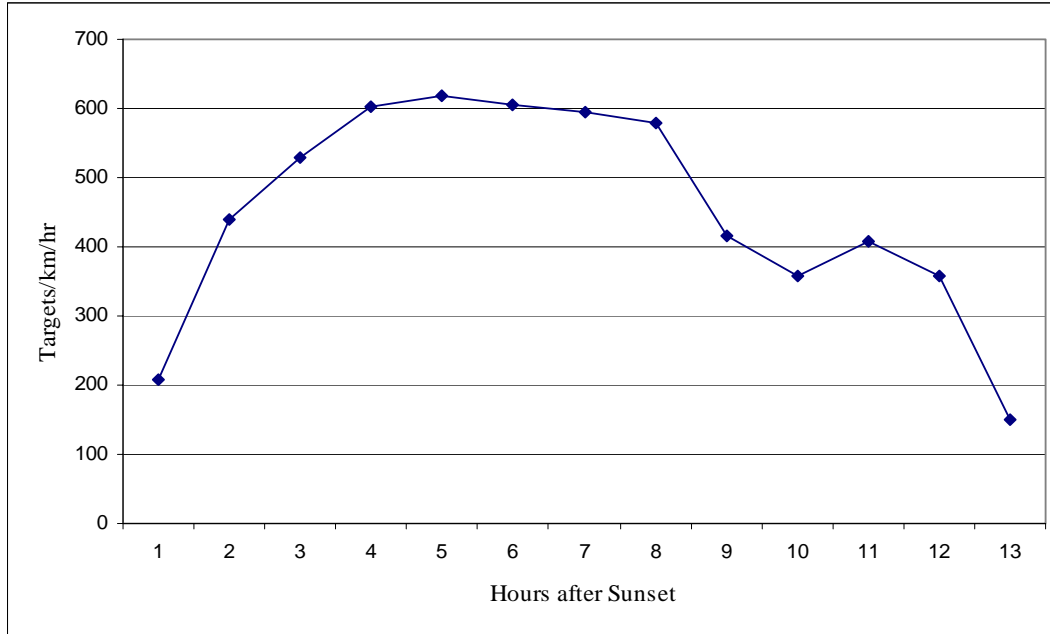


Figure 4. Hourly passage rates for entire season

### 3.2 Flight Direction

The mean flight direction through the project area was  $223^{\circ} \pm 57^{\circ}$  (Figure 5). There was considerable night-to-night variation in mean flight direction, although most nights included flight directions generally to the south and southwest (Appendix A Table 3).

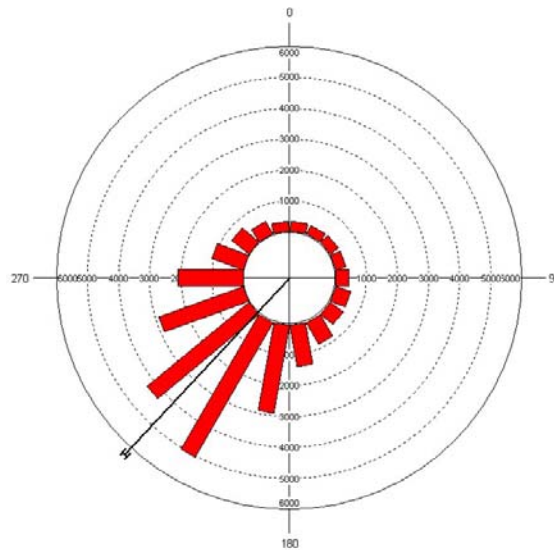


Figure 5. Mean flight direction through the project area (the bracket along the margin of the histogram is the 95% confidence interval).

### 3.3 Flight Altitude

The seasonal mean flight height of targets over the radar site was  $455 \text{ m} \pm 15 \text{ m}$  ( $1,493' \pm 269'$ ). The mean nightly flight height ranged from  $310 \text{ m} \pm 20 \text{ m}$  ( $1,017' \pm 207'$ ) to  $638 \text{ m} \pm 25 \text{ m}$  ( $2,094' \pm 280'$ ) (Figure 6; Appendix A Table 4). The percent of targets observed flying below 125 m ( $410'$ ) also varied by night, from 0 percent to 5 percent (Figure 7) and the seasonal average percentage of targets flying below this height was 1 percent. Hourly flight height remained consistent throughout the night with no large differences in flight height from hour to hour (Figure 8).

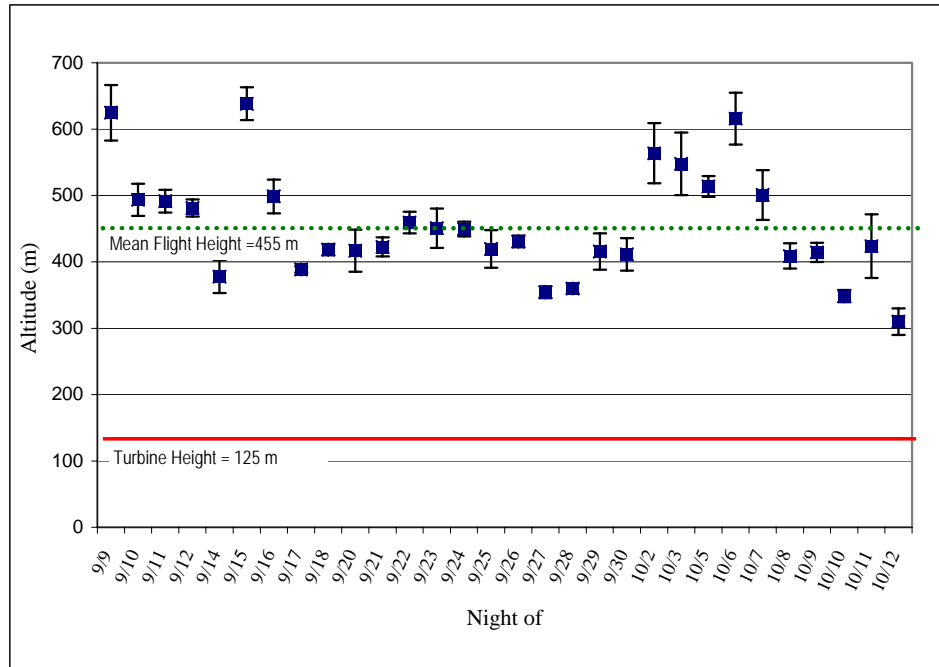


Figure 6. Mean nightly flight height of targets (error bars = +1 standard error) at Coos County, Fall 2006

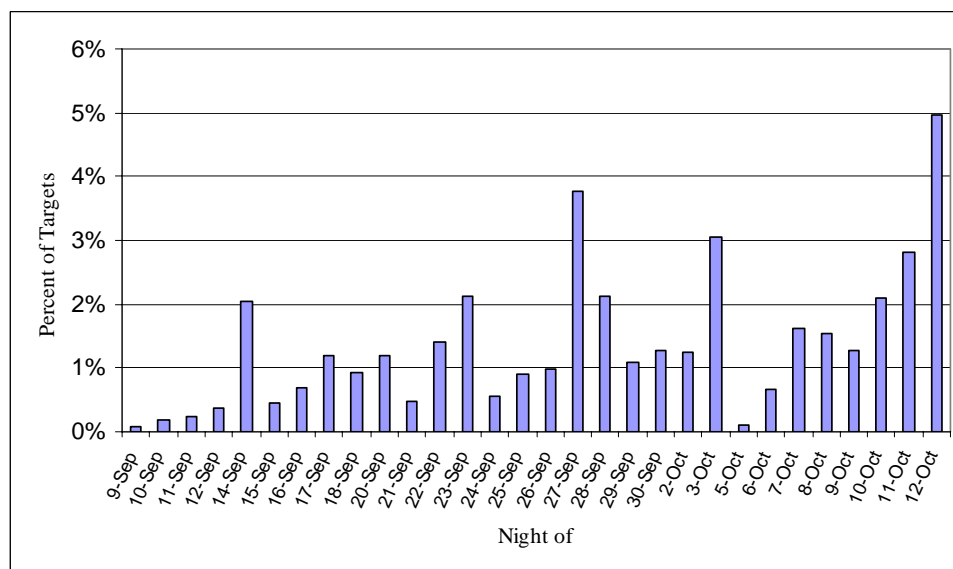


Figure 7. Percent of targets observed flying below a height of 125 m ( $410'$ ) at Coos County, Fall 2006

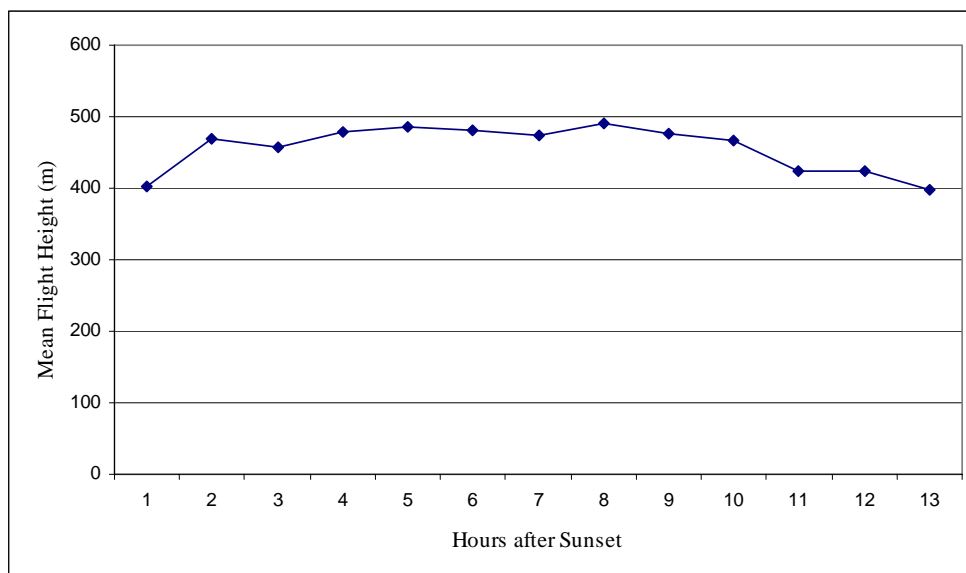


Figure 8. Hourly target flight height distribution at Coos County, Fall 2006

### 3.4 Ceilometer and Moonwatching Observations

Ceilometer data collected during the radar survey yielded a total of 242 5-minute observations. Those observations, however, resulted in only three bird and two bat sightings in the ceilometer beam (Appendix A Table 5). On nights that bats were observed in the ceilometer, several suspected bats were identified during radar data analysis. However, some nights with suspected bat activity on the radar screen, no bats were seen during the ceilometer survey.

## 4.0 Discussion

Fall 2006 radar surveys documented migration activity and patterns in the vicinity of the proposed project. In general, migration activity and flight patterns varied between and within nights, which is very typical of nocturnal migration. Nightly variation in the magnitude and flight characteristics of nocturnally migrating songbirds is not uncommon and is often attributed to weather patterns, such as cold fronts and winds aloft (Hassler *et al.* 1963, Gauthreaux and Able 1970, Richardson 1972, Able 1973, Bingman *et al.* 1982, Gauthreaux 1991). This was evident at the project area. Nights with winds from a northerly direction (winds optimal for fall migration), target flight direction was to the southwest. Additionally, on nights with winds from a northerly direction, passage rates were highest.

Surveys using similar methods and equipment conducted within the last several years are rapidly becoming available. These other studies provide an opportunity to compare the results from this study with other areas of the Northeast and the central Appalachian states. There are limitations in comparing data from previous years with data from 2006, as year-to-year variation in continental bird populations may effect how many birds migrate through an area. Additionally, differences in site characteristics, such as the landscape and vegetation surrounding a radar survey location, can play a large role in a radar's ability to see targets in all directions around it, so direct comparisons of sites should be made with caution.

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| Table 1. Summary of Available Radar Fall Survey Results. |                                      |                                |                                |                          |                           |                                      |                            |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Project Site   | Landscape                            | Average Passage Rate (t/km/hr) | Range in Nightly Passage Rates | Average Flight Direction | Average Flight Height (m) | Percent Targets Below Turbine Height | Citation                   |
| <b>Fall 1998</b>   |                                      |                                |                                |                          |                           |                                      |                            |
| Harrisburg, NY   | Great Lakes plain / ADK foothills    | 122                            | N/A                            | 181                      | N/A                       | N/A                                  | Cooper and Mabee 1999      |
| Wethersfield, NY   | Agricultural plateau                 | 168                            | N/A                            | 179                      | N/A                       | N/A                                  | Cooper and Mabee 1999      |
| <b>Fall 2003</b>   |                                      |                                |                                |                          |                           |                                      |                            |
| Chautauqua, NY   | Great Lakes shore                    | 238                            | 10-905                         | 199                      | 532                       | (125 m) 4 %                          | Cooper <i>et al.</i> 2004a |
| Mt. Storm, WV  | Forested ridge                       | 241                            | 8-852                          | 184                      | 410                       | N/A                                  | Cooper <i>et al.</i> 2004b |
| <b>Fall 2004</b>   |                                      |                                |                                |                          |                           |                                      |                            |
| Franklin, WV   | Forested ridge                       | 229                            | 18-643                         | 175                      | 583                       | (125 m) 8%                           | Woodlot 2004a              |
| Prattsburgh, NY  | Agricultural plateau                 | 193                            | 12-474                         | 188                      | 516                       | (125 m) 3%                           | Woodlot 2004b              |
| Prattsburgh, NY  | Agricultural plateau                 | 200                            | 18-863                         | 177                      | 365                       | (125 m) 9%                           | Mabee <i>et al.</i> 2005   |
| Deerfield, VT (Existing Facility)                        | Forested ridge                       | 175                            | 7-519                          | 194                      | 438                       | (100 m) <1%                          | Woodlot 2004c              |
| Deerfield, VT (Western Expansion)                        | Forested ridge                       | 193                            | 8-1121                         | 223                      | 624                       | (100 m) 5%                           | Woodlot 2004c              |
| Deerfield, VT (Valley Site)                              | Forested ridge                       | 150                            | 58-404                         | 214                      | 503                       | (100 m) <1%                          | Woodlot 2004c              |
| Deerfield, VT (3 sites combined)                         | Forested ridge                       | 178                            | 7-1121                         | 212                      | 611                       | (100 m) 3%                           | Woodlot 2004c              |
| Sheffield, VT  | Forested ridge                       | 114                            | 19-320                         | 200                      | 566                       | (125 m) 1%                           | Woodlot 2006               |
| <b>Fall 2005</b>   |                                      |                                |                                |                          |                           |                                      |                            |
| Churubusco, NY   | Great Lakes plain / ADK foothills    | 152                            | 9-429                          | 193                      | 438                       | (120 m) 5%                           | Woodlot 2005a              |
| Clinton County, NY                                       | Great Lakes plain / ADK foothills    | 197                            | n/a                            | 162                      | 333                       | (n/a) 12%                            | Young 2006                 |
| Dairy Hills, NY  | Agricultural plateau                 | 94                             | n/a                            | 180                      | 466                       | (n/a) 10%                            | Young 2006                 |
| Fairfield, NY  | Agricultural plateau / ADK foothills | 691                            | 116-1351                       | 198                      | 516                       | (125 m) 4%                           | Woodlot 2005b              |
| Jordanville, NY  | Agricultural plateau                 | 380                            | 26-1019                        | 208                      | 440                       | (125 m) 6%                           | Woodlot 2005c              |
| Mars Hill, ME  | Forested ridge                       | 512                            | 60-1092                        | 228                      | 424                       | (120 m) 8%                           | Woodlot 2005d              |
| Sheldon, NY  | Agricultural plateau                 | 197                            | 43-529                         | 213                      | 422                       | (120 m) 3%                           | Woodlot 2005e              |
| <b>Fall 2006</b>   |                                      |                                |                                |                          |                           |                                      |                            |
| Errol, NH  | Forested ridge                       | 469                            | 22-1098                        | 223                      | 455                       | (125 m) 1%                           | this report                |



Some research suggests that bird migration may be affected by landscape features, such as coastlines, large river valleys, and mountain ranges. This has been documented for diurnally migrating birds, such as raptors, but is not as well established for nocturnally migrating birds (Sielman *et al.* 1981; Bingman *et al.* 1982; Bruderer and Jenni 1990; Richardson 1998; Fortin *et al.* 1999; Williams *et al.* 2001; Diehl *et al.* 2003; Woodlot, unpublished data).

The landscape in the project area is of mountainous terrain. The overall elevation differential across the site is approximately 305 m (1,000') to 1,036 m (3,400'). This differential is fairly considerable when comparing to other sites in the northeast that are at lower elevation. The mean flight height of  $455 \pm 15$  suggests some migrants might fly below ridgelines while others might be flying well above the ridgelines in the area.

The emerging body of studies characterizing nighttime bird movements shows a relatively consistent trend in regards to the altitude at which night migrants fly (Table 1). In general, nighttime migration typically occurs several hundred meters or more above the ground. The range in mean flight heights is approximately 300 to 600 m (1,000' to 2,000') above the ground. The percentage of targets documented at heights below that of modern wind turbines is variable, but is typically 3 to 15 percent. Some studies, however, have documented even smaller percentages of targets below turbine height. The average flight height documented in Coos County (455 m, or 1,493') is well within the range of other studies in the region and the percent flying below maximum turbine height is much lower than at other studies.

## **5.0 Conclusions**

Radar surveys during the fall 2006 migration period have provided information on nocturnal bird migration patterns in the vicinity of the project area. The results of the surveys indicate that bird migration patterns are generally similar to patterns observed at other sites in the region.

Migration activity varied throughout the season, which is largely attributable to weather patterns. The mean passage rate was comparable to passage rates documented at other recent studies in the region, indicating that migration activity over the project is not particularly unique. Additionally, the flight height data indicate that the majority of migration during the fall survey period took place well above the height of the proposed turbines over the radar station.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Radar Survey Summary Data Tables**

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**Appendix A Table 1.** Survey dates, results, level of effort, and weather - Proposed Windpark in Coos County, NH – Fall 2006

| Date   | Passage rate | Flight Direction | Flight Height (m) | Hours of Survey | Temperature (F) | Wind Speed (mph) | Wind Direction (from) |
|--------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 9-Sep  | 633          | 188              | 625               | 11              | 52              | 4                | NW                    |
| 10-Sep | 381          | 214              | 494               | 12              | 37              | 0                | N/A                   |
| 11-Sep | 402          | 244              | 492               | 11              | 36              | 0                | N/A                   |
| 12-Sep | 448          | 223              | 481               | 11              | 38              | 0                | N/A                   |
| 14-Sep | 242          | 268              | 378               | 7               | 58              | 0                | SSE                   |
| 15-Sep | 745          | 216              | 638               | 11              | 57              | 0                | 0                     |
| 16-Sep | 618          | 183              | 499               | 11              | 51              | 0                | 0                     |
| 17-Sep | 679          | 259              | 389               | 12              | 49              | 0                | 0                     |
| 18-Sep | 713          | 272              | 418               | 11              | 50              | 0                | 0                     |
| 20-Sep | 661          | 199              | 417               | 5               | 49              | 3                | NW                    |
| 21-Sep | 885          | 208              | 423               | 12              | 45              | 1                | NW                    |
| 22-Sep | 1098         | 236              | 459               | 11              | 45              | 0                | N                     |
| 23-Sep | 176          | 24               | 451               | 11              | 54              | 0                | W                     |
| 24-Sep | 367          | 186              | 450               | 12              | 53              | 6                | NW                    |
| 25-Sep | 527          | 224              | 419               | 10              | 41              | 1                | NW                    |
| 26-Sep | 813          | 216              | 431               | 11              | 33              | 0                | SW                    |
| 27-Sep | 599          | 263              | 354               | 12              | 38              | 0                | SE                    |
| 28-Sep | 291          | 267              | 360               | 10              | 55              | 10               | SE                    |
| 29-Sep | 206          | 130              | 415               | 9               | 42              | 3                | West                  |
| 30-Sep | 672          | 233              | 411               | 12              | 46              | 3                | ESE                   |
| 2-Oct  | 512          | 219              | 564               | 12              | 40              | 0                | NNW                   |
| 3-Oct  | 153          | 144              | 548               | 12              | 58              | 1                | W                     |
| 5-Oct  | 455          | 198              | 514               | 13              | 32              | 0                | N                     |
| 6-Oct  | 259          | 235              | 616               | 13              | 29              | 0                | 0                     |
| 7-Oct  | 222          | 225              | 501               | 12              | 29              | 0                | 0                     |
| 8-Oct  | 196          | 235              | 409               | 12              | 33              | 0                | 0                     |
| 9-Oct  | 418          | 202              | 414               | 13              | 40              | 0                | SW                    |
| 10-Oct | 459          | 246              | 348               | 13              | N/A             | N/A              | N/A                   |
| 11-Oct | 22           | 295              | 424               | 6               | 51              | 4                | W                     |
| 12-Oct | 227          | 181              | 310               | 10              | 41              | 2                | W                     |

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| Appendix A Table 2. Summary of passage rates by hour, night, and for entire season - Proposed Windpark in Coos County, NH<br>Fall 2006 |   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |           |
|--|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Night of   | Passage Rate (targets/km/hr) by hour after sunset |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | Entire Night |            |           |
|  | 1   | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9          | 10         | 11         | 12         | 13         | Mean         | Stdev      | SE        |
| 9-Sep  | 686   | 175        | 380        | 964        | 600        | 1007       | 1114       | 820        | 446        | 343        | 429        | --         | --         | 633          | 309        | 93        |
| 10-Sep   | 339   | 557        | 484        | 541        | 471        | 407        | 450        | 309        | 279        | 250        | 295        | 193        | --         | 381          | 120        | 35        |
| 11-Sep   | 67  | 379        | 600        | 616        | 561        | 418        | 370        | 377        | 375        | 300        | 354        | --         | --         | 402          | 154        | 47        |
| 12-Sep   | 146   | 327        | 536        | 729        | 611        | 589        | 529        | 416        | 400        | 300        | 350        | --         | --         | 448          | 167        | 50        |
| 14-Sep   | 99  | 260        | 240        | 313        | 236        | 279        | 268        | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | 242          | 68         | 26        |
| 15-Sep   | 621   | 999        | 1007       | 810        | 947        | 857        | 571        | 650        | 568        | 589        | 579        | --         | --         | 745          | 181        | 55        |
| 16-Sep   | --  | 616        | 579        | 529        | 771        | 768        | 707        | 639        | 523        | 450        | 786        | 429        | --         | 618          | 129        | 39        |
| 17-Sep   | 139   | 521        | 771        | 745        | 900        | 868        | 879        | 921        | 879        | 729        | 679        | 121        | --         | 679          | 280        | 81        |
| 18-Sep   | 163   | 693        | 943        | 1125       | 814        | 820        | 836        | 811        | --         | 711        | 932        | 0          | --         | 713          | 336        | 101       |
| 20-Sep   | 413   | 977        | 536        | 639        | 741        | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | 661          | 214        | 96        |
| 21-Sep   | 289   | 868        | 1259       | 1307       | 1363       | 1157       | 1307       | 1264       | 557        | 343        | 343        | 557        | --         | 885          | 437        | 126       |
| 22-Sep   | 286   | 1082       | 1564       | 1921       | 1811       | 1468       | 1251       | 1214       | 739        | 450        | 287        | --         | --         | 1098         | 587        | 177       |
| 23-Sep   | 139   | 193        | 121        | 150        | 180        | 193        | 223        | 164        | 107        | 209        | 257        | --         | --         | 176          | 45         | 14        |
| 24-Sep   | 471   | 316        | 163        | 54         | 43         | 364        | 424        | 429        | 466        | 476        | 707        | 493        | --         | 367          | 195        | 56        |
| 25-Sep   | 210   | 1007       | --         | 879        | 921        | 716        | 681        | --         | 343        | 168        | 139        | 207        | --         | 527          | 347        | 110       |
| 26-Sep   | 311   | 579        | 656        | 900        | 1157       | 1050       | 1050       | 1257       | --         | 996        | 536        | 450        | --         | 813          | 318        | 96        |
| 27-Sep   | 294   | 743        | 759        | 825        | 836        | 975        | 843        | 721        | 418        | 171        | 305        | 300        | --         | 599          | 279        | 80        |
| 28-Sep   | 225   | 164        | 243        | 429        | 557        | 493        | 332        | 257        | 175        | 36         | --         | --         | --         | 291          | 161        | 51        |
| 29-Sep   | --  | 356        | 478        | 150        | 146        | 158        | 133        | 237        | 145        | 55         | --         | --         | --         | 206          | 131        | 44        |
| 30-Sep   | 184   | 500        | 1023       | 1350       | 1554       | 1055       | 807        | 568        | 307        | 214        | 136        | 364        | --         | 672          | 479        | 138       |
| 2-Oct  | 32  | 214        | 500        | 429        | 561        | 696        | 579        | 786        | 718        | 550        | 369        | 707        | --         | 512          | 222        | 64        |
| 3-Oct  | 11  | 129        | 161        | 86         | 150        | 114        | 171        | 186        | 134        | 171        | 202        | 321        | --         | 153          | 74         | 21        |
| 5-Oct  | 421   | 686        | 605        | 586        | 568        | 552        | 561        | 407        | 407        | 332        | 390        | 348        | 54         | 455          | 164        | 46        |
| 6-Oct  | 75  | 171        | 219        | 253        | 240        | 332        | 361        | 279        | 307        | 279        | 379        | 407        | 64         | 259          | 107        | 30        |
| 7-Oct  | 64  | 96         | --         | 327        | 246        | 293        | 284        | 193        | 274        | 295        | 286        | 268        | 43         | 222          | 99         | 29        |
| 8-Oct  | 37  | 86         | 279        | 193        | 264        | 243        | 286        | 229        | 186        | 129        | 129        | 296        | --         | 196          | 85         | 25        |
| 9-Oct  | 0   | 321        | 236        | 214        | 321        | 570        | 638        | 550        | 457        | 504        | 654        | 718        | 257        | 418          | 212        | 59        |
| 10-Oct   | 43  | 89         | 300        | 621        | 670        | 836        | 814        | 821        | 771        | 246        | 331        | 300        | 123        | 459          | 303        | 84        |
| 11-Oct   | 52  | 16         | 11         | 18         | 24         | 13         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | 22           | 15         | 6         |
| 12-Oct   | 18  | 29         | 129        | 343        | 296        | 279        | 182        | --         | --         | --         | 332        | 307        | 355        | 227          | 129        | 41        |
| <b>Entire Season</b>   | <b>208</b>  | <b>438</b> | <b>528</b> | <b>601</b> | <b>619</b> | <b>606</b> | <b>595</b> | <b>580</b> | <b>416</b> | <b>357</b> | <b>407</b> | <b>357</b> | <b>149</b> | <b>469</b>   | <b>250</b> | <b>46</b> |

-- indicates no data for that hour

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| <b>Appendix A Table 3. Mean Nightly Flight Direction -<br/>Proposed Windpark in Coos County, NH – Fall 2006</b> |                              |                       |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Night of</b>   | <b>Mean Flight Direction</b> | <b>Circular Stdev</b> |
| 9-Sep   | 188                          | 45                    |
| 10-Sep  | 214                          | 57                    |
| 11-Sep  | 244                          | 78                    |
| 12-Sep  | 223                          | 75                    |
| 14-Sep  | 268                          | 68                    |
| 15-Sep  | 216                          | 46                    |
| 16-Sep  | 183                          | 100                   |
| 17-Sep  | 259                          | 61                    |
| 18-Sep  | 272                          | 58                    |
| 20-Sep  | 199                          | 38                    |
| 21-Sep  | 208                          | 33                    |
| 22-Sep  | 236                          | 41                    |
| 23-Sep  | 24                           | 91                    |
| 24-Sep  | 186                          | 57                    |
| 25-Sep  | 224                          | 54                    |
| 26-Sep  | 216                          | 41                    |
| 27-Sep  | 263                          | 44                    |
| 28-Sep  | 267                          | 42                    |
| 29-Sep  | 130                          | 43                    |
| 30-Sep  | 233                          | 42                    |
| 2-Oct   | 219                          | 39                    |
| 3-Oct   | 144                          | 94                    |
| 5-Oct   | 198                          | 37                    |
| 6-Oct   | 235                          | 63                    |
| 7-Oct   | 225                          | 54                    |
| 8-Oct   | 235                          | 59                    |
| 9-Oct   | 202                          | 42                    |
| 10-Oct  | 246                          | 34                    |
| 11-Oct  | 295                          | 34                    |
| 12-Oct  | 181                          | 74                    |
| <b>Entire Season</b>  | <b>223°</b>                  | <b>57°</b>            |

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| Appendix B Table 4. Summary of mean flight heights by hour, night, and for entire season - Proposed Windpark in Coos County, NH<br>Fall 2006 |   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |            |            |           |           |                                     |
|--|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Night of   | Mean Flight Height (m) by hour after sunset |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | Entire Night |            |            |            |           |           | % of targets<br>below 125<br>meters |
|  | 1   | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9          | 10         | 11           | 12         | 13         | Mean       | STDV      | SE        |                                     |
| 9-Sep  | 410   | 479        | 577        | 716        | 861        | 735        | 711        | 659        | 556        | 495        | 486          | 813        | --         | 625        | 145       | 42        | 0%                                  |
| 10-Sep   | 575   | 661        | 552        | 505        | 493        | 501        | 465        | 440        | 430        | 444        | 366          | --         | --         | 494        | 80        | 24        | 0%                                  |
| 11-Sep   | 453   | 611        | 511        | 545        | 506        | 497        | 496        | 488        | 482        | 415        | 403          | --         | --         | 492        | 58        | 17        | 0%                                  |
| 12-Sep   | 514   | 548        | 479        | 540        | 508        | 480        | 453        | 409        | 414        | 511        | 450          | 468        | --         | 481        | 45        | 13        | 0%                                  |
| 14-Sep   | 388   | 396        | 250        | 399        | 392        | 467        | 351        | --         | --         | --         | --           | --         | --         | 378        | 66        | 25        | 2%                                  |
| 15-Sep   | 486   | 740        | 731        | 648        | 640        | 718        | 711        | 589        | 644        | 621        | 485          | 648        | --         | 638        | 85        | 25        | 0%                                  |
| 16-Sep   | 574   | 602        | 531        | 509        | 514        | 507        | 532        | 535        | 549        | 477        | 370          | 284        | --         | 499        | 88        | 25        | 1%                                  |
| 17-Sep   | 371   | 389        | 422        | 393        | 404        | 379        | 387        | 402        | 385        | 372        | 371          | --         | --         | 389        | 16        | 5         | 1%                                  |
| 18-Sep   | 469   | 436        | 415        | 410        | 434        | 444        | 428        | 417        | 360        | 382        | 427          | 398        | --         | 418        | 29        | 8         | 1%                                  |
| 20-Sep   | 371   | 425        | 322        | 484        | 482        | --         | --         | --         | --         | --         | --           | --         | --         | 417        | 71        | 32        | 1%                                  |
| 21-Sep   | 439   | 482        | 490        | 472        | 421        | 430        | 413        | 398        | 370        | 331        | 403          | --         | --         | 423        | 48        | 14        | 0%                                  |
| 22-Sep   | 479   | 584        | 515        | 464        | 463        | 446        | 445        | 387        | 401        | 435        | 433          | --         | --         | 459        | 54        | 16        | 1%                                  |
| 23-Sep   | 305   | 327        | 379        | 435        | 438        | 473        | 630        | 562        | 438        | 427        | 545          | --         | --         | 451        | 98        | 30        | 2%                                  |
| 24-Sep   | 406   | 456        | 411        | --         | 458        | 512        | 503        | 459        | 472        | 430        | 419          | 418        | --         | 450        | 36        | 11        | 1%                                  |
| 25-Sep   | 415   | 615        | 457        | 392        | 469        | 438        | 401        | --         | --         | 370        | 367          | 268        | --         | 419        | 89        | 28        | 1%                                  |
| 26-Sep   | 463   | 418        | 433        | 450        | 426        | 418        | --         | 436        | 436        | 479        | 407          | 372        | --         | 431        | 29        | 9         | 1%                                  |
| 27-Sep   | 378   | 427        | 368        | 367        | 343        | 338        | 351        | 345        | 328        | 352        | 356          | 297        | --         | 354        | 31        | 9         | 4%                                  |
| 28-Sep   | 365   | 385        | 386        | 389        | 351        | 322        | 346        | 359        | 336        | --         | --           | --         | --         | 360        | 24        | 8         | 2%                                  |
| 29-Sep   | --  | 301        | 404        | 388        | 449        | 485        | 467        | --         | --         | --         | --           | --         | --         | 415        | 67        | 28        | 1%                                  |
| 30-Sep   | 519   | 531        | 512        | 423        | 352        | 294        | 337        | 351        | 425        | 395        | 387          | --         | --         | 411        | 80        | 25        | 1%                                  |
| 2-Oct  | 361   | 436        | 528        | 596        | 559        | 620        | 684        | 837        | 797        | 576        | 369          | 402        | --         | 564        | 157       | 45        | 1%                                  |
| 3-Oct  | 373   | --         | --         | 403        | 601        | 490        | 511        | 649        | 839        | 795        | 454          | 409        | 501        | 548        | 157       | 47        | 3%                                  |
| 5-Oct  | 417   | 567        | 575        | 584        | 544        | 508        | 482        | 492        | 513        | --         | 515          | 452        | --         | 514        | 52        | 16        | 0%                                  |
| 6-Oct  | 235   | 524        | 618        | 684        | 673        | 645        | 649        | 740        | --         | 719        | 681          | 551        | 673        | 616        | 135       | 39        | 1%                                  |
| 7-Oct  | 350   | 342        | 532        | 651        | 713        | 624        | 595        | 547        | 579        | 486        | 439          | 388        | 265        | 501        | 136       | 38        | 2%                                  |
| 8-Oct  | --  | 393        | 371        | 492        | 456        | 524        | 467        | 412        | 373        | 421        | 335          | 362        | 300        | 409        | 66        | 19        | 2%                                  |
| 9-Oct  | 319   | 325        | 407        | 449        | 439        | 414        | 428        | --         | 454        | 475        | 468          | 413        | 383        | 414        | 51        | 15        | 1%                                  |
| 10-Oct   | 253   | 377        | 361        | 363        | 377        | 355        | 365        | 369        | 372        | 336        | 324          | 334        | 343        | 348        | 34        | 9         | 2%                                  |
| 11-Oct   | 324   | --         | 374        | 397        | 416        | 606        | --         | --         | --         | --         | --           | --         | --         | 424        | 107       | 48        | 3%                                  |
| 12-Oct   | 258   | 389        | 329        | 311        | 363        | 303        | 161        | --         | --         | --         | 329          | 339        | 318        | 310        | 63        | 20        | 5%                                  |
| <b>Entire Season</b>   | <b>403</b>                                  | <b>470</b> | <b>456</b> | <b>478</b> | <b>485</b> | <b>482</b> | <b>473</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>476</b> | <b>467</b> | <b>424</b>   | <b>423</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>455</b> | <b>82</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>1%</b>                           |

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| Appendix A Table 5. Survey dates, results, level of effort, and weather - Proposed Windpark in Coos County, NH<br>Fall 2006 |               |           |           |                    |          |            |                    |                  |                       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|----------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Night of  | Radar Results |           |           | Ceilometer Results |          |            | Weather Conditions |                  |                       |
|   | Birds         | Bats      | Insects   | Birds              | Bats     | Insects    | Temp               | Wind Speed (mph) | Wind Direction (from) |
| 9-Sep   | 96%           | 3%        | 1%        | --                 | --       | --         | 59                 | 1                | S                     |
| 10-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | --                 | --       | --         | 59                 | 1                | W                     |
| 11-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | --                 | --       | --         | 49                 | 7                | SE                    |
| 12-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | --                 | --       | --         | 57                 | 6                | SE                    |
| 14-Sep  | 84%           | 0%        | 16%       | --                 | --       | --         | 61                 | 4                | SSE                   |
| 15-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 1        | 26         | 61                 | 3                | ESE                   |
| 16-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 2                  | 0        | 19         | 58                 | 5                | SE                    |
| 17-Sep  | 98%           | 0%        | 2%        | 0                  | 0        | 27         | 64                 | 9                | ESE                   |
| 18-Sep  | 99%           | 0%        | 1%        | 0                  | 0        | 19         | 51                 | 7                | W                     |
| 20-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 0          | 44                 | 7                | SE                    |
| 21-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 5          | 55                 | 6                | SE                    |
| 22-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 3          | 57                 | 5                | NW                    |
| 23-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 32         | 53                 | 5                | S                     |
| 24-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 3          | 46                 | 7                | SE                    |
| 25-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 2          | 57                 | 10               | SE                    |
| 26-Sep  | 95%           | 5%        | 0%        | 0                  | 1        | 5          | 60                 | 14               | SE                    |
| 27-Sep  | 96%           | 4%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 6          | 41                 | 5                | SE                    |
| 28-Sep  | 94%           | 2%        | 4%        | 0                  | 0        | 2          | 54                 | 10               | SE                    |
| 29-Sep  | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 0          | 52                 | 2                | S                     |
| 30-Sep  | 89%           | 5%        | 6%        | 0                  | 0        | 8          | 46                 | 7                | SE                    |
| 2-Oct   | 76%           | 0%        | 24%       | 0                  | 0        | 12         | 58                 | 3                | SE                    |
| 3-Oct   | 76%           | 0%        | 24%       | 0                  | 0        | 27         | 53                 | 10               | NW                    |
| 5-Oct   | 100%          | 0%        | 0%        | 0                  | 0        | 0          | 37                 | 4                | SE                    |
| 6-Oct   | 98%           | 0%        | 2%        | 0                  | 0        | 0          | 39                 | 6                | SE                    |
| 7-Oct   | 92%           | 0%        | 8%        | 0                  | 0        | 2          | 40                 | 8                | SE                    |
| 8-Oct   | 70%           | 0%        | 30%       | 1                  | 0        | 7          | 45                 | 8                | SE                    |
| 9-Oct   | 84%           | 0%        | 16%       | 0                  | 0        | 18         | 51                 | 5                | SE                    |
| 10-Oct  | 98%           | 0%        | 2%        | 0                  | 0        | 12         | 55                 | 15               | SE                    |
| 11-Oct  | 84%           | 0%        | 16%       | 0                  | 0        | 0          | 44                 | 6                | NW                    |
| 12-Oct  | 63%           | 0%        | 37%       | 0                  | 0        | 14         | 37                 | 7                | SE                    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>95%</b>    | <b>1%</b> | <b>5%</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>2</b> | <b>249</b> |                    |                  |                       |