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Dear Mr. Iacopino:

In response to your July 29th letter regarding the Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) preliminary review of the application by Granite Reliable Power, LLC to construct the Granite Reliable Windpark, I offer the following comments. The Fish and Game Department has concerns regarding direct and indirect impacts on migrating birds and bats, state listed American marten and lynx, native brook trout, and high elevation species including Bicknell's thrush.

The applicant has conducted several studies that help evaluate impacts and aid in the development of draft conditions and mitigation options to minimize impacts on wildlife species. Of particular note, however, is the lack of baseline information on fish, and directed searches for lynx tracks. As you know, RSA 162-H requires SEC applications to include proposals for "studying and solving environmental problems." Both the SEC application and the wetlands permit application refer to a mitigation proposal to address wildlife impacts. We were not able to locate that proposal in either application, even though impacts on wildlife are acknowledged in both.

We are concerned that a mitigation proposal has not been offered at this time. This project is located in a remote and sensitive high elevation area supporting several species of conservation concern. While for the purpose of moving the process forward we will accept the application as complete, we wish to clearly state that appropriate strategies to avoid, minimize or mitigate for acknowledged wildlife impacts will need to be identified through the SEC process before the Fish and Game Department can support the issuance of permits, conditions or licenses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GN".

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director