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The Honorable Frederick W. King
Coos County Treasurer
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Re: Granite Reliable Power Project

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2009. I am troubled by the information you have provided to me, and intend to review the matter with Attorney Roth. I intend to review the transcript of Attorney Roth's closing presentation to the Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"), and we will review the post-hearing memorandum before it is filed with the SEC to ensure that it accurately represents the public's position.

It has long been my position to support alternative energy and other economic development projects in Coos County. We spent a great deal of time in the effort to keep the paper mills open for as long as possible, and have been actively involved in the efforts to find alternative uses for the mill sites. Attorney Roth and other members of my staff have worked closely with the Governor's Office, the Department of Environmental Services, DRED, the Labor Department and other State and local agencies on many of those projects. My office will continue to work aggressively to assist the State and County officials when economic development opportunities present themselves.

It is equally important to me that this wind project be a viable energy resource that can be sustained after construction in order for Coos County residents to derive benefits from its construction and operation. During the SEC process, issues regarding environmental protection appear to have been largely resolved, although I understand that some additional work remains to be completed. It is my understanding that there are legitimate concerns, however, about Granite Reliable Power, LLC's financial viability, and it was necessary to bring those concerns to the attention of the SEC. Ultimately it would not be beneficial to Coos County or the State if Granite Reliable's financial condition results in construction delays, or causes it to fail to complete the project after construction begins. That said, it is not my position to oppose the wind project, and if Granite Reliable Power does not have the financial resources to bring it to fruition, I am hopeful that another company can take over the project. To the extent Attorney

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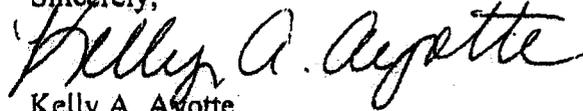
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Roth delivered a message at the hearings that, as counsel for the public, we are opposed to this project, we will correct that misunderstanding in our post-hearing memorandum.

Thank you again for keeping me informed on this matter. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,



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cc: His Excellency, John H. Lynch
Councilor Raymond S. Burton