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Mr. Thomas B. Getz, Vice-Chairman  
Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: Granite Reliable Power - SEC Docket No. 2008-04**

Dear Vice-Chairman Getz:

I am writing in response to the Motion for Rehearing that Peter Roth, as Public Counsel from the Attorney General's Office, has filed with the Subcommittee and established to hear the Granite Reliable Power Wind Project. I have read Mr. Roth's Motion, which concerns the financial capability of Granite Reliable Power. I have heard Mr. Roth make the same arguments before; as I am sure Subcommittee has heard as well. Mr. Roth's own expert, hired late in the process involving this wind park and at significant expense to Granite Reliable Power, even testified that they have adequate financial capability to construct and operate this wind park. It is difficult for me to understand why Mr. Roth, as Counsel for the Public, has taken steps like this latest Motion that seem designed to prevent the wind park from being financed and built. Many members of the public are for this important project because it will create jobs, tax revenues, clean energy, and bring new opportunities to the North Country. I urge you to deny his Motion.

I also understand that the Industrial Wind Action Group, which also opposed the Lempster Wind LLC Project, has filed a Motion asking your Subcommittee to rehear or reconsider your ruling on the Granite Reliable Wind Park. I urge you to deny that Motion as well. I know that your Subcommittee spent many hours hearing and deciding this case and I believe that you have done the right thing in approving this project. I urge you to stick to your decision.

I further understand that Granite Reliable Power has asked you to clarify or reconsider two aspects of your order that could have an impact on their ability to obtain financing. I urge you to find a way to accommodate their concerns so that the project can be financed and move forward.

Thank you for considering my views on this important project. I would appreciate it if you would make sure that the other members of the Subcommittee see a copy of this letter.

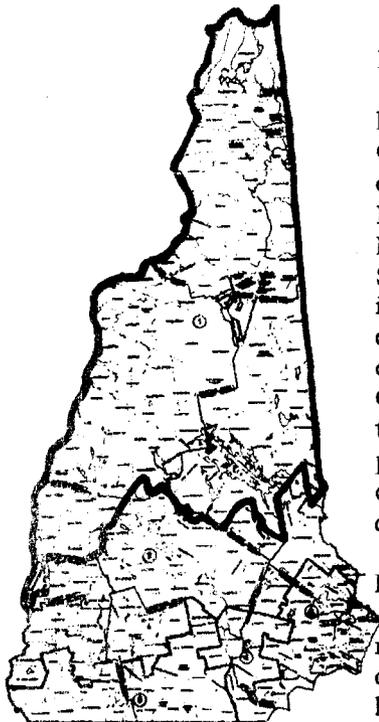
Sincerely,

Raymond S. Burton  
Executive Councilor

cc: Orville B. Fitch, II, Acting Attorney General  
Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner for Department of Environmental Services  
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