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Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
C/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
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Subject: Petition to Intervene
Reference: Application of Groton Wind, LLC; SEC Docket No. 2010-01

Dear Chairman Burack:

I have reviewed instructions set forth in the order and notice of prehearing conference, site visit and public information hearing issued May 21, 2010 relative to SEC Docket 2010-01. Accordingly, I, James M. Buttolph, hereby petition the Site Evaluation Committee, pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and Site 202.11, to allow me to intervene in the above referenced matter for the following reasons:

- 1) On March 26, 2010, Groton Wind LLC filed an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the siting, construction and operation of a wind farm consisting of 24 wind turbines to be located in the Town of Groton. Five of these wind turbines are proposed to be located on Fletcher Mountain which currently dominates the primary view from my property on 170 Quincy Road, Rumney. Each wind turbine extends vertically approximately 299 feet from its respective foundations according to the referenced application. Structures of this size, should this application be approved and fully executed, will become highly prominent within the view from my property. Some studies suggest a significant negative impact to the value of property in close proximity to similar wind farm turbines in other areas of the country.
- 2) Wind turbine towers that are proposed to be installed on Fletcher Mountain are less than two miles from my property line according to the referenced application. Legislation that has been introduced in the State of Vermont proposes setbacks of similar wind turbines from residences within this close proximity for a myriad of reasons, including but not limited to possible adverse impacts on health of the residents in the setback areas.

For reasons stated in #1 and #2 above, it is clear that my rights, duties, and substantial interests may be affected by the present proceeding. Since the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention, I respectfully request that you give this petition your favorable consideration.

Yours truly,


James M. Buttolph