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Site Evaluation Committee  
NH Department of Environmental Services  
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Dear Committee Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to voice our concerns regarding the Groton Wind Farm project that is presently being considered by your committee. We have been following this project for more than a year now and have been very discouraged by what we have seen. There seems to be a gross lack of preparedness on the part of Iberdola, when considering a project of this magnitude and it's far reaching impact. There have been conflicting statements and misrepresentations on the part of the applicant. For instance, we were told that a route for the power had been selected and that they were working with the Power Companies to connect them to the grid. We then found out from both New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) that no agreement had been made regarding the connection to the grid. In fact we were informed by them that Iberdola had been told that they **could not** use the route that they were purposing and that they had submitted in their application. We find it incredulous that such a major component of this project would not have been resolved before the application was submitted. The Iberdola representative also stated, at one of the meetings, that if they could not use the route that they had submitted, it would be the "death blow" to the project.

We were also told that there would be **NO** taxpayer money involved with this project. Now we understand there is going to be **\$ 34 million** of taxpayer money potentially going to this project. If there is going to be that much public money earmarked for this project then we really question the economic viability of this venture. Especially when one (in this case the members of your committee) takes in to account the potential detrimental effect that this could have on local property values. Keep in mind that we are all aware of the need for alternative energy sources and we support that idea. We understand that some of these alternatives require sacrifices, whether that comes in the form of increased rates, visual impacts or public financial support. Based on what we have seen and been told regarding this proposal, it is our firm belief that, as presented, this project lacks the proper planning necessary and is financially ill conceived. There are too many questions still left unanswered at this point to consider this project viable and worthy of your approval and support.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to voice our concerns and our position to your committee. We hope that you take these matters into consideration when rendering your decision on this application.

Sincerely; *Lloyd E French*  
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