

# RESOLUTION PETITION

## Groton Wind Farm – SEC Docket 2010-01

**To:** Chairman Thomas Getz and the members of the NH Site Evaluation Committee, currently charged with evaluating the Groton Wind Farm application.

Let the following resolution be known:

**Whereas**, the Baker River Valley is the crown jewel of our entire area, with its pristine natural beauty attracting tourists and vacationers who help to support the local economy; and

**Whereas**, twenty four proposed turbines, each of which would be some 399 feet high, would dwarf other structures such as cell towers, destroying our scenic vistas while becoming the primary landmarks in the entire region; and

**Whereas**, with 84% of our state's current power generated by carbon free nuclear, clean burning natural gas, and renewables like hydroelectric, replacing this base load with wind power is virtually pointless in terms of achieving the goal of reduced carbon emissions; and

**Whereas**, this wind farm would create no more than 6 full time jobs once construction is complete; and

**Whereas**, the developer plans to enter into "power purchase agreements" with the effect of increasing electric rates, making our economy less competitive and inhibiting job growth while being heavily subsidized by both taxpayers and ratepayers; and

**Whereas**, this wind farm would generate electricity at unpredictable times that cannot be synchronized with demand, totaling less than 1% of NH's electrical power, even if the optimistic production capacities claimed by Iberdrola are in fact realized; and

**Whereas**, wind tends to blow during nights and winter, when electric demand is relatively low, not during heat waves when power is needed the most; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to RSA 162-H, the committee is required to act in the public interest to maintain a "balance" between the environment and the need for reliable power sources; and

**Whereas**, it is brazenly obvious that this facility is neither needed nor predicted to be a reliable generator of electricity for the aforementioned reasons; and

**Whereas**, these towers would be built directly in the path of a vital avian migratory route, imperiling our wildlife, including bald eagles, golden eagles, and the peregrine falcon that so many have tried to nurture in our valley; and

