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Site Evaluation Committee
Thomas Burack, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services
P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Commissioner Burack and Members,

There are a number of concerns we have with Groton Wind that we feel need to be communicated to you.

1. Our Fire Department was recently informed that Groton Wind does not plan to maintain the wind farm's roads during the winter months.

The maintenance of these roads is extremely important to the Town as we are responsible for fire and emergency medical coverage to that part of Groton per a contract we have with them as well as what is outlined in Groton Wind's original application to the SEC and in the agreement between Groton Wind and the Town of Groton:

Section 8.2 Wind Farm Access Roads

- 8.2.1 The Owner shall construct and maintain roads at the Wind Farm that allow for year-round access to each Wind Turbine at a level that permits passage and turnaround of emergency response vehicles.

A representative from Groton Wind has been in touch with our Fire Chief and has informed him that Groton Wind has purchased a Sno-Cat for winter access for the Groton Wind employees. These roads need to be plowed and sanded. They need to be ready for emergency vehicles to access if necessary.

Had we known Groton Wind was going to go this route, our fire department would have pushed harder early on in the process for some heavy-duty emergency equipment to assist them with emergency rescues in winter conditions.

2. Training Expense – Per our agreement with Groton Wind it was understood that they would take care of training our emergency responders; to date we have not been reimbursed for these costs. As part of our agreement with Groton Wind, our responders were to receive the necessary training and we assumed that would also be the cost of such.

Our responders have received no training whatsoever in tower rescue. To ensure that they can do their job if the need arises, they need to be trained in tower rescue to be able to know exactly what their roles should be in an emergency situation.

3. Since the heavy equipment deliveries have come to an end, communication between Groton Wind and the Town has been poor, especially as to ongoing status of the project, number of workers and contractors will going in and out of the site and a timeframe for the next season, year, etc.
4. The billing for the first super load delivery has not been paid. Ed Cherian said during many of the meetings/hearings held here in town and neighboring towns that this project was not going to cost the town any money; that has not happened. The project has been a burden to the town and our office for the last two years. Our office has had to handle all calls, concerns and complaints on a very regular basis which has taken a monumental amount of time away from our day to day running of the town. We feel that at least half of our Administrative Assistant's time over the last 24 months is related to this Groton based project.
5. We do acknowledge and appreciate the \$1,500 contribution to our Old Home Day. We hope they will continue to be involved in the community and wish they would follow through with their other contractual and community obligations.

We would be open for discussion with Groton Wind. We wish to be reimbursed for the town's time and efforts during this part of the project as outlined in the agreement and promised by Groton Wind.

Sincerely,



Mark H. Andrew, Chairman



Cheryl L. Lewis



Edward L. Haskell, Jr.

c: Groton Wind LLC; Town of Groton;