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NH Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o NH Department of Environmental Services  
P.O. Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Docket 2010-01, Groton Wind, LLC  
Objections to the Proposed Safety and Maintenance Plan

Dear Committee Members,

As stated in the November 4, 2013 Report of Prehearing Conference objections to the proposed Environmental, Health and Safety Plan are to be filed with the Committee by November 18, 2013.

On October 4, 2013 Mark Epstein submitted the Environmental, Health and Safety Plan, dated June 18, 2013, to the Committee stating that it had been presented and accepted by the emergency responders. He further stated that they were in the process of collecting the signatures from the officers. The signature page was submitted to the Committee on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

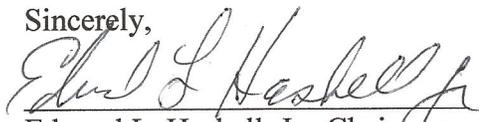
The Rumney Selectmen (Cheryl Lewis recused) and the current Fire Chief Dave Coursey have concerns with the Plan for the following reasons:

1. Although Rumney Fire Chief Ken Ward, Fire Commissioners Dave Coursey and Jim McCart and Assistant EMS Director Raymond Valentin signed the document on October 5, Dave Coursey reported that they were led to believe it was a "sign-in" sheet for the training session they were involved with that day at the facility. They were not aware that by signing the signature page they were in fact accepting the plan. None of them had seen a copy of the plan since their meeting on May 15, 2013.
2. The Environmental, Health and Safety Plan submitted to the Committee on October 4<sup>th</sup> is basically the same document that was circulated in February of this year with the addition of a few new points that appear to be mainly for Groton Wind employees:  
Under 3.0 Emergency Response:
  - A. 3.6.3 – First responders will be given maps and directions based on site signage and the site map (page 4) and
  - B. 3.9 – 3.10 - The Emergency Response Plan for the Snow and Winter Weather provides for the following actions: ...(page 4 to top of page 7)
  - C. One page entitled "Road Access via SnowCat" which appears to address the plan for winter road maintenance

3. The plan, not an agreement as discussed at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing, appears to be more of an internal document for the employees of Groton Wind than an agreement between the local first responders and Groton Wind. The plan refers to an Emergency Response Plan, a Fire Prevention Plan and several other ones, none of which the first responders have ever seen copies of.
4. There is no mention of periodic (quarterly or biannually) meetings between the emergency departments and Groton Wind personnel as discussed at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. There is nothing in the Plan addressing any further training with the emergency responders as discussed earlier – at least two per year, one with snow and one without.
6. The Plan does not address the access issue to the various gates, (especially during the winter months), that Chief Coursey raised at the meeting in May. He was told they would have access to them, and they may, but that access is not spelled out in the current plan.
7. The Plan's Table of Contents should be updated to reflect the additional pages added to the plan.

For these reasons we do not feel the Plan is sufficient enough to work from as it is currently written.

Sincerely,

  
Edward L. Haskell, Jr., Chairman

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Cheryl L. Lewis – recused

  
Daniel E. Kimble, Jr.

c: Rumney Fire Chief D. Coursey, EMS Director B. Taffe, Ass't EMS Director R. Valentin, R. Thompson, Groton Fire Chief, Selectmen-Town of Groton, Hebron Fire Chief J. Fischer