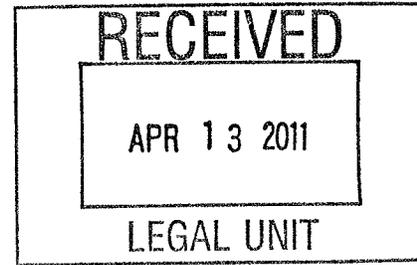


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April 12, 2011

Thomas S. Burack  
Chairman  
N.H. Site Evaluation Committee  
c/o N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services.  
P.O. Box 95  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

**Re: Docket No. 2011 – 02, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC**

Dear Chairman Burack:

The Antrim Planning Board voted at its meeting on April 7, 2011 to oppose, at this time, the petitions from Antrim Wind Energy, LLC and the Antrim Board of Selectmen that request that the Site Evaluation Committee take jurisdiction of the Antrim Wind Energy proposed wind project in the Town of Antrim. Specifically, the Antrim Planning Board requests that the Site Evaluation Committee delay its consideration of these petitions for a few months until such time as the legislative body of Antrim votes later this year on an ordinance specifically addressing industrial wind development.

The Antrim Planning Board is an elected body which has primary jurisdiction within Antrim for planning matters, subject in certain respects to the control of Town Meeting. It began work on amending its zoning ordinance to address industrial wind development in 2010 and continues this work as this letter is being drafted. The Petitioners have played a full and active part in those proceedings. Many hearings have been held on early ordinance proposals this year resulting in testimony from numerous concerned citizens in Antrim. The Planning Board is now taking what it has learned through the process so far and beginning a more in-depth process that we hope to conclude six months from now, in the fall of 2011. Our objective is a full ordinance addressing industrial wind energy which meets our statutory duties and the objectives set out in RSA 162-H.

These proceedings follow on from many years of work trying to reconcile the competing demands for environmental protection and commercial development, including detailed consideration of issues relating to renewable energy.<sup>1</sup>

Given our statutory role in the planning process (see RSA 672:1) and the pre-emptive effect that an order accepting jurisdiction would have, we believe that the delay we are requesting is reasonable. We hope that

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<sup>1</sup> Thus, the Antrim Zoning Ordinance is a highly nuanced document reflecting a multiplicity of decisions about land use. The Antrim Master Plan (June 2010) contains a chapter of each of conservation uses and renewable energy. It followed an Open Space Plan (2006) which was adopted by Town Meeting.

the work we will complete on an ordinance, along with a legislative body vote, will allow us fully to inform the SEC of Antrim's desired approach to industrial wind development all in accord with RSA 162-H (16)(d).

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Robblee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke.

Andrew Robblee  
Chairman, Antrim Planning Board

Cc: Antrim Wind Energy LLC

Board of Selectmen, Town of Antrim