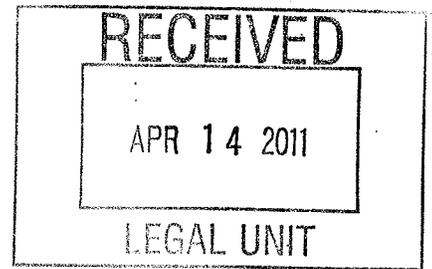


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Chairman Thomas S. Burack  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
Ref. SEC Docket 2011-02  
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April 13, 2011

Good Day, Chairman Burack:

I respectfully submit a letter I distributed to regional newspapers on April 11, 2011 expressing my concerns about the loss of local control in the Antrim Wind Energy project, SEC Docket 2011-02. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my argument.

*I am a wind power supporter. I believe that we, as a society, have to make compromises to free ourselves of the addiction to fossil fuels as it is damaging to our environment, our personal and governmental budgets, and our foreign policy.*

*However, I am not YET supporting the Eolian Renewable Energy's Antrim project:*

- ◆ *I do not feel that the town has had adequate time to do its "homework." The project will cover 300 acres of Antrim and be there for at least 25 years, and potentially longer.*
- ◆ *Our zoning ordinances are not adequate to protect the town should the project go bankrupt, or should the towers need to be removed at the end of their expected life.*
- ◆ *The environmental impact of access roads, wind turbines and infrastructure spanning across at least two hilltops, and bordering thousands of acres of preserved land, has not been fully evaluated.*
- ◆ *Some of the information provided by the interested parties has been contradictory, and time is needed to sort out the data.*
- ◆ *Although hearings have been held, there clearly are many unanswered questions that the public has a right to ask and have answered.*
- ◆ *An additional 8 months should be given to allow our planning board and its recently voted ad hoc committee to address this issue with ordinances and regulations.*

*The "Petition for Jurisdiction" by the Antrim Board of Selectmen to the State of New Hampshire's Site Evaluation Committee, if accepted by the SEC, cuts out decision-making by the people of Antrim. The final decision on the project would rest with individuals who do not live in the community, nor were they elected or appointed by the town. The letter, signed by former Antrim Board of Selectmen chairman Gordon Webber, was unwarranted and short-sighted. Adequate time should have been given local boards to prepare then present the matter to the voters in a special town meeting with appropriate notice.*

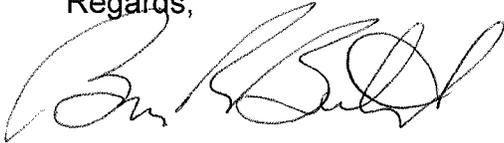
*The Site Evaluation Committee should deny the request of the Antrim Board of Selectmen and return local control to the people of Antrim to make this decision. Whether the project goes forward or not, I, for one, have faith that the people of Antrim will make the right decision.*

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I have every reason to believe that the Site Evaluation Committee is comprised of competent professionals, and I am in no way impugning your integrity. But I do feel that our local boards are capable of grappling with this issue, given adequate time and counsel.

Thanks again for your consideration of my input.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Beihl', written in a cursive style.

Brian Beihl