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Thomas S. Burack  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
NH Dept. of Environmental Services  
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Docket #2011-2

Dear Mr. Burack

We are writing this letter to you in support of the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) taking jurisdiction of Antrim Wind Energy's future and/or proposed application for a wind farm on Tuttle Mountain. The residents of the Town of Antrim have not had an opportunity to vote on a proposed ordinance for commercial wind energy, which last years Planning Board had approved for the March 2011 town meeting (ballot vote) to allow by use or not allow in its rural conservation district due to a very small minority of residents noting a technicality in the public posting (could not make town ballot) and a newly elected Planning Board reversing the previous Planning Boards proposed ordinances. The fear we have is that the new Planning Board will propose an ordinance too restrictive for the applicant (allowed by special exception for one), if it were adopted by the Town of Antrim and the applicant were granted a special exception, this would certainly be appealed by the same minority of residents sending the applicant to court and cost thousands of dollars and years before an approval could be granted, if at all! This would certainly and potentially cause the applicant to withdraw; we have seen this happen all too often! There have also been two surveys taken by the Town of Antrim and one by an independent research firm hired by the applicant. All survey results confer that 70% plus of the residents want this facility in town. We believe the Town of Antrim desperately needs a third party mediator to resolve this major site plan review process. We see no other process that would be fair to the Town of Antrim's residents and the applicant to address all the environmental, regional and engineering impacts and benefits. Also we are a small business owner and registered voters in Antrim.

Sincerely,

Scott & Kristina Burnside



Cc; Board of Selectmen, Town of Antrim, NH

