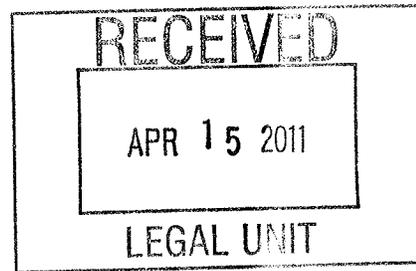


April 15, 2011

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
N.H. Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, Post Office Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095



Reference: Docket No. 2011-2

Dear Chairman Burack,

I am respectfully petitioning the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to grant me general intervention status in the proceedings in Docket No. 2011-2, Re: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC pursuant to NH Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.11 and RSA 541-A:32, and further state as follows:

I have continuously maintained my primary residence and have been a registered voter in the Town of Antrim since 1970. I have served our town as a member of the Antrim Planning Board for many years and have held the position of Chairmen on two separate occasions. I have served as a Trustee of Trust Funds for 28 years and have served as a member on our town's Tax Increment Finance Committee for 10 years.

While serving on the Planning Board, I have witnessed the Board's successes over the years with developing and implementing effective zoning ordinances that have appropriately addressed our community's ever changing landscape. The successes resulted from interested local individuals and boards working collaboratively to develop zoning changes that served the best interest of our community as affirmed by our voters. This issue is no exception.

Our Planning Board has been working on developing an ordinance that adequately and appropriately addresses industrial wind energy. The process is continuing with an increased focus and sense of urgency so that their proposed six month time estimate will be sufficient to fully develop an industrial wind energy ordinance for the voters of Antrim to review, understand and be in a position to be an informed voter.

Subsequent to the Select Board's letter dated February 7, 2011 requesting that the SEC assume jurisdiction of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC's Antrim project, the Select Board voted not to proceed with a Special Town Meeting that would have allowed a public vote on the previously proposed zoning changes. The Select Board's vote, in my opinion, was based on the belief that the currently sitting Planning Board would continue its work on an accelerated basis to produce a more comprehensive zoning ordinance addressing industrial wind energy and present it for voter consideration within a six month timeframe.

My personal belief is that the spirit of the Select Board's vote not to hold a Special Town Meeting was to allow additional time for the Planning Board to develop an appropriate zoning ordinance that addresses both the current and long-range considerations of industrial wind energy on a town-wide basis. I believe that spirit is further represented by the Antrim Planning Board in its Petition for Intervention dated April 12, 2011 and its separate letter to the SEC of even date.

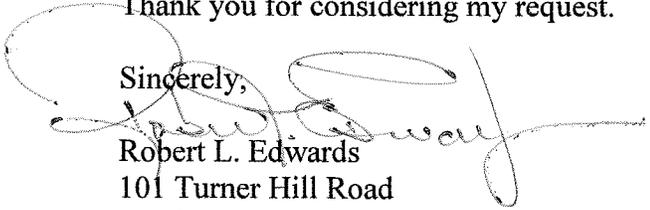
As a result, I respectfully request that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee deny the Select Board's request for the SEC to assume jurisdiction of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC's Antrim Project at this time while reserving its right to schedule a re-hearing at a future date, with notice to all parties, and after adequate time is allowed for the Antrim Planning Board to complete its development of a more comprehensive industrial wind energy ordinance.

Since a formal application is not anticipated to be completed and submitted by Antrim Wind Energy, LLC until later in 2011 or early 2012, it is my belief that neither the Town of Antrim nor Antrim Wind Energy, LLC will be damaged by allowing additional time to complete the development of an Ordinance that addresses this important zoning matter in the best interest of our community.

I further represent that a copy of my letter has been provided to the Town of Antrim Select Board and to Richard Uchida, Orr & Reno Professional Association, counsel for Antrim Wind Energy, LLC.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,



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PETITION

We, the undersigned registered voters in the Town of Antrim, New Hampshire, request that the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee rule against the Petition for Jurisdiction Over Renewable Energy Facility requested by Antrim Wind Energy LLC.

We request this ruling for the following reasons:

1. We assert the timing for this Petition for Jurisdiction is not ripe.

- a. The first request to the NH Site Evaluation Committee for jurisdiction oversight came from the Antrim Board of Selectmen, in a letter received in your office Feb. 10, 2011. It requests State oversight “if and when an application is made to construct this facility.”

Antrim Wind Energy LLC has not submitted an application (as defined under 162-H:7, Application for Certificate) or even a preliminary site plan for this project to the Town of Antrim, the Antrim Planning Board, or the NH Site Evaluation Committee. This project is not fully developed. Antrim Wind Energy LLC’s own Petition reveals plans to conduct further studies and discussions before an application will be ready, by current estimate at the end of 2011.

Thus, Antrim’s Wind Energy LLC’s petition for immediate jurisdiction determination is clearly not within the terms of the original Antrim Board of Selectmen’s request. For this reason alone, appropriateness of exercise, and perhaps further, the manner of any exercise of discretionary jurisdiction is not ripe for determination.

- b. In addition, the membership of the Antrim Board of Selectmen and the Antrim Planning Board changed significantly after town elections on March 8, 2011. As a result, the majority of the Antrim Planning Board no longer supports the Town’s request for State oversight, and only one Selectman who supported the vote to request NH Site Evaluation Committee jurisdiction, if and/or when a site plan for this project is submitted, is currently in office.
- c. Given both of the points above, we are asking the NH Site Evaluation Committee to either deny the Antrim Wind Energy LLC’s petition without prejudice to resubmit or that the issue be subject to continuance under SEC procedural rule Site 202.17 until ripe.

2. We assert that jurisdiction over the Antrim Wind Energy LLC project is a matter for local control.

- a. The Town of Antrim has a fully developed Zoning Ordinance plus Subdivision Regulations, including Site Plan Review. Planning and zoning regulations have been in effect in Antrim since 1974. As the land use landscape changed over the decades, the Town’s lawfully elected or appointed land use boards have properly and diligently overseen the development of new regulations, ordinances and master plans in a timely and productive manner.
- b. The Antrim Planning Board is currently developing local procedures, including possible zoning ordinances or overlays, for wind energy projects consistent with RSA 672:1, III-a. That work, to be assisted by an ad hoc advisory committee, is expected to be completed within six months and should be ready for a Special Town Election vote in Fall 2011 or, at the latest, by March 2012. That schedule will not cause undue delay to this developer. This important work will be rendered moot if jurisdiction over Antrim Wind Energy LLC’s project is considered and ruled upon before the Antrim voters have the opportunity to vote on any fully developed planning instruments proposed.

3. We assert that premature jurisdiction by the State of New Hampshire over this project might invite litigation and unnecessary expense for the Town of Antrim, the State of New Hampshire, and/or the project developer.

- a. Allowing this local renewable energy project, the extent of which is contained solely within the borders of the Town of Antrim, to be subject to siting oversight from the State is not warranted.

