

April 14, 2011

Chairman Thomas S. Burack
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Department 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 and Members of the Committee,

By this letter, I hereby respectfully petition the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to grant me leave to intervene in these proceedings regarding jurisdiction over a renewable energy facility proposed by Antrim Wind Energy LLC.

As the former Chair of the Board of Selectmen of Antrim (through March 10, 2011) and the signer (on behalf of the board of Selectmen) of the petition to the SEC by the Board, I feel that I have a substantial interest in this matter. As a Selectman I also sat on the Planning Board as ex-officio for the past year, during which time I was closely involved with all aspects of the work performed by Antrim Wind as well as a Planning Board led process to amend the zoning ordinance to accommodate wind energy facilities – which failed due to improper process despite widespread public support for the amendments. I am also the sponsor of a citizen's petition of over 100 registered voters of the Town of Antrim requesting that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee take jurisdiction of this project.

I have worked on this project with Antrim Wind Energy LLC over the past 2 years and educated myself and the board of Selectman on renewable energy, specifically wind, and while I am in no way an expert in this matter I feel I am well versed in the complexities surrounding such projects and keenly aware of the challenges surrounding permitting through a local process with neighbor pitted against neighbor. I have also witnessed Antrim's land use boards fail repeatedly to fairly address the issues that have come before them to date: namely met tower permits and ordinance amendments.

I do not consider the Antrim Planning Board capable of handling this proposed project. The board has 3 new members with no experience on the planning board and 2 members with 1-year experience. If you consider the board meets twice a month for approximately 2 hours, that would give two of the members about 2 ½ weeks experience and three members zero experience. A project of this magnitude deserves the fair review of a more experienced and impartial board and I believe that is precisely the reason the SEC was created.

The Town of Antrim stands to benefit substantially from this project, both financially and environmentally. While I fully support this project being approved and constructed, it must first go through an extensive evaluation process which I believe can not be done objectively by our current Planning Board and therefore, I request that the New Hampshire SEC accept jurisdiction over this project. In my capacity as a town official with two years of experience with the project, I believe I can add value to the proceedings.

Thank you,

Gordon Webber

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