



# Town of Antrim

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Thomas S. Burack, Chairman  
NH Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Committee  
Dept. of Environmental Services  
29 Hazen Dr., PO Box 95  
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Re: Objection to Petition for Intervention by Antrim Planning Board  
SEC Docket No. 2011-02

Dear Chairman Burack:

The Antrim Planning Board has petitioned the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“the SEC”) to be granted intervener status in Antrim Wind Energy, LLC, SEC Docket No. 2011-2 project. The Antrim Board of Selectmen (the Selectmen) are opposed to the granting of this petition. The Selectmen, who are tasked with managing the prudential affairs of the Town and is the “Local Governing Body” having the authority to act on behalf of the Town as opined by the decision of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire in *Hooksett Conservation Commission v. Hooksett Zoning Board of Adjustment*, 149 NH 63 (2003). The Court’s decision was based in part on the premise “[t]o permit contests among governmental units . . . is to invite confusion in government and a diversion of public funds from the purposes for which they were entrusted. . . . Practical politics being what they are, one can readily foresee lively wrangling among governmental units if each may mount against the other assaults.”. The Planning Board has stated in their minutes that they are concerned about being kept informed, the board of selectmen will insure that the Antrim Planning Board is copied on all correspondence from the SEC so they can apprise the Selectmen of any concerns they may have.

This issue has been the subject of many meetings and deliberations over the past two (2) years (April 2, 2009 conceptual consultation with Planning Board) and has already resulted in two (2) pending lawsuits. To have multiple boards from Antrim expressing differing opinions to the SEC will not benefit the process nor do justice to these proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Genest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Genest  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen