

April 27, 2012

Ms. Jane Murray, Secretary
NH Site Evaluation Committee
NH Department of Environmental Services
PO Box 95
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302

RE: Docket No. 2012-001
Application for Antrim Wind Energy, LLC
For a Certificate of Site and Facility for a Renewable Energy Facility

Dear Ms. Murray,

Attached please find for filing in the matter the Antrim Conservation Commission's
Petition for Intervention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter L. Beblowski".

Peter L. Beblowski, Chairman
Antrim Conservation Commission
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
DOCKET NO. 2012 – 01
RE: ANTRIM WIND ENERGY, LLC
PETITION FOR INTERVENTION
BY ANTRIM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOW COMES the Petitioner, Antrim Conservation Commission (ACC), and respectively petitions the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to grant it leave to intervene in these proceedings pursuant to NH Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.11. In support of its petition, the ACC states as follows:

1. Given the statutory role of Conservation Commissions under RSA 36, the ACC purpose is to advocate for the maintenance, preservation and protection of the Town's Natural Resources.
2. The ACC has been an active conservation commission for nearly 40 years under RSA 36 and has successfully interacted with the select, planning and zoning boards, developers and regional conservation land trusts.
3. The Antrim Wind Energy, LLC project as projected will build an approximate 50 foot wide, 4 mile long road and site and construct ten nearly 500 foot tall wind turbines within a presently un-fragmented, northern hardwood forest and ridge-top wildlife habitat which is surrounded by landscape scale conservation lands. The nearby conservation lands include in the Town of Antrim the abutting 2000 +/- acre dePierrefeu-Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary owned by the NH Audubon, the nearby approximately 1270 acre Lovern's Mill/White Cedar Swamp Preserve in both Antrim and Windsor owned by The Nature Conservancy, the adjacent 1650 +/- acre John Curtis Memorial/Robb Reservoir Waterfowl Management Area in Hancock and Stoddard, the nearly 5,000 acre Harris Center Super Sanctuary in Antrim, Hancock, Stoddard, and Nelson and the 3500 +/- acre Charles L. Peirce Wildlife and Forest Reservation of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests in Stoddard. While none these parcels are huge, they do to add up to over 12,000 acres of valuable natural habitat. The interstate Quabbin to Cardigan corridor is made possible through the collection of just such individual parcels and any loss of such areas is a significant setback in this important quest to preserve New England's natural heritage of wild areas.
4. The ACC has also worked to bring to fruition the recommendations of the "Open Space Conservation Plan for Antrim", adopted by vote of the legislative body at the 2006 Town Meeting. While funding has been of short supply, the ACC has partnered with several regional land trusts to assist in providing support for conservation easements.
5. The ACC has assisted the Antrim Planning Board with projects slated for development with the understanding that impacts occur and has through this recognition negotiated

natural resource benefits to be made through project redesign, project enhancements and at times conservation easements.

6. The ACC voted 3 to 0 (Chair abstained) that the ACC request intervener status. If granted the ACC is neither for nor against the project. Rather this petition seeks to bring focus to the local, state and nationally significant, landscape-scale conservation lands in Antrim and adjacent towns.

Peter L. Beblowski
Peter L. Beblowski, Chairman

Linda Bryer
Linda Bryer, Member

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April 25, 2012