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Subject: SEC Docket #2012-01

Dear Ms. Murray:

I write to express my concern about the current discussions regarding the proposed installation of ten wind turbines in the town of Antrim. It is my impression that the majority of Antrim's citizens are in favor of the project, but there is some vocal opposition.

Unless there are clear and compelling reasons why the project should not proceed, I am strongly in favor of it.

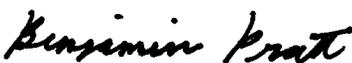
I am profoundly troubled by the prospect of global warming and climate change. The scientific community is overwhelmingly of one mind regarding the evidence. It is only special interest groups and some politicians that are unwilling to face up to the reality that confronts us. As a state and as a nation, we have got to find ways to get over our reliance on fossil fuels.

Much has been said about the beauty of Gregg Lake and Willard Pond and concerns have been expressed about the visual impact of the wind turbines. The area is beautiful, but the lakes have already been damaged by mercury deposited from coal-burning power plants. Our population is plagued with asthma and other pulmonary diseases that are caused, in part, by contamination from fossil fuel consumption.

At the SEC hearing in Antrim on April 30, one of the opponents of the wind turbines stated that, although there is a need for renewable energy, it is not appropriate for Antrim because this is a "special place". That statement implies that other people who live in "less special places" should shoulder the responsibility of generating renewable energy. I feel that that is a responsibility we all must share.

In view of the potential for catastrophic consequences resulting from climate change, I am convinced that the objections to the installation of wind turbines will, from the perspective of a few years hence, be seen to be far less serious than they now appear.

Respectfully,


Benjamin Pratt, P.E.