

Antrim Wind Farm
Site Evaluation Committee
Docket no.2011-2

Dear Committee Members,

My parents live at 117 Salmon Brook Road in Antrim New Hampshire where they purchased a custom built log home on 25 acres of land about 12 years ago. They are both retired senior citizens and I live with them part time. They have given me permission to write a letter to you and request that you deny a permit to build a wind farm near their property. They chose to live in Antrim and picked that home after a very long search and bought there for the privacy and peace and quiet that they now enjoy. I have read the detailed noise study that was done by Epsilon Associates of Maynard Mass and appreciate the time and money that was spent on it but the report is not accurate. It does not take into account that wind farms are much louder in rainy,cloudy or snowing conditions. It does point out that Salmon Brook road was the quietest area tested when they measured ambient sound at location L-3 on table 6-2 and then it shows with ten turbines running Salmon Brook road will have the highest noise level on table 7.3.

The report also does not discuss as the turbines get older the noise increases because the gear box in the turbines and the bearings begin to wear out because they are under constant load. The sound levels in the report are estimated and the report was also paid for by the company that wants to build the wind farm. Would they ever give you a report that shows the sound level would exceed your guidelines? Another report done by The University of New Hampshire school of business on the economic impact of the wind farm is not accurate for many reasons. It is also unacceptable to have a report done by UNH and the principals and owners of the company attended UNH. To be fair and accurate all studies, reports and investigations should be done by company's selected from a neutral panel and the reports will be binding on all parties involved. Of course the studies paid for by Antrim wind are going to say everything is great otherwise they would not get the permits from you. If the National transportation safety board investigates major accidents like a plane crash they do not allow the company that owns the airline to investigate itself and use that report in determining who was at fault or what caused the accident. They do their own investigation and the federal government pays for it. To be fair and accurate the state of New Hampshire should have their own studies done on a project of this size. In the Vermont state house they have a bill that will require wind farms be at least 3 miles from a residence if passed. Solar energy and hydro energy are now getting more popular in Vermont and I hope New Hampshire would approve more projects like that in the future as a clean energy source. We were told when we bought the home that the area where the wind farm area is all conservation area by town officials. The sale price of the home was much higher because it was in the middle of a conservation area surrounded by great views. Once the land is cleared across the street they will be looking out at at least 6 of the 10 turbines because Salmon Brook road runs along side the wind farm. I could go on and on but I still am collecting facts about wind farms. I suggest you all watch the award winning documentary called Windfall about a small town in upstate New York that is available on DVD and on Netflix It was a real eye opener about the whole wind farm industry and I think you will agree with a number of my comments after you see the film.

Thankyou for your time and effort in making this important decision.

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