

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

RE: Application of Antrim Wind, LLC for Certificate)
of site and facility to construct up to 30 MW of wind electric)
generation in Antrim, New Hampshire and operate the same.)

**PRE-FILED DIRECT JOINT TESTIMONY OF
ANNIE LAW AND ROBERT CLELAND**

Q. Please state your names and address.

A. Annie Law and Robert Cleland ~ 43 Farmstead Road, Antrim, New Hampshire 03440

Q. Are you familiar with the proposed Antrim Wind Energy project?

A. Yes, we have been appellants in the proceedings before the Antrim Zoning Board of Adjustments for the MET tower, as well as intervenors when AWE and the Antrim Board of Selectmen applied to the SEC to take jurisdiction of the AWE project in the Spring of 2011. We are again intervenors as opponents to the approval of this project.

Q. What are your main concerns about the proposed AWE Industrial Wind Farm?

A. We built our home at 43 Farmstead Road, Antrim, New Hampshire, on Windsor Mountain 24 years ago for the peace and beauty of this rural area. Our main concern in regard to the proposed renewable energy facility is that our home is less than 1.5 miles across the valley from Tuttle Mountain, directly in our view shed. We believe that we will be affected by the noise and we're also very concerned about how it will affect our health.

Q. Do you have any other concerns about the proposed Wind Farm?

A. Yes, we feel that our property value will be greatly reduced and our property taxes will go up significantly to subsidize the project if it is constructed. But we especially don't want to see the Rural Conservation District destroyed. It is so peaceful and quiet on Windsor Mt. where we know that the noise from the wind turbines will be distracting and disturb our sleep. We've camped several times at Pillsbury State Park in Washington, NH close to the Lempster wind turbines and could not sleep, due to the whishing sounds of the blades.

Q. Annie, how do you personally feel a Wind Farm will affect you.

A. I have been a professional singer/songwriter/musician most of my life and have a home recording studio, where I write and record my original songs. I have a very sensitive ear for music and my hearing is acute. I believe that the turbine sound will greatly affect my recordings. I value the amazing acoustics in my home in a natural environment on this mountain and the noise of wind turbines will cause sounds that will directly affect my recordings.

Q. How has this proposed project affected you so far?

A. We have been taxpayers in Antrim, New Hampshire for 24 years and feel that our rights have been violated throughout the three plus years that AWE began their request for a height variance for the MET tower and their proposal to build an Industrial Wind Farm.

A project of this magnitude would destroy our pristine environment and the habitat for all of the wild animals and birds that we enjoy viewing on a daily basis. An industrial wind farm would destroy the balance of nature in a catastrophic way.

Q. Bob, have you ever met Jack Kenworthy before he was involved with Eolian?

A. Yes, Jack worked as a counselor at Windsor Mountain International Camp (formerly known as Interlocken International Camp) in Windsor, New Hampshire, where I have been employed for the past 22 years as Maintenance Director. Jack was in college at the time and we have several mutual friends.

Q. Bob, was there ever an occasion when Jack Kenworthy spoke with you about the proposed Wind Energy project?

A. Yes, in September, 2009, Jack Kenworthy was at the annual “Live Free or Die” party at Windsor Mountain International Camp in Windsor, New Hampshire and I had a conversation with him about the proposed Wind Farm and he clearly stated to me that it would have a direct impact on our property. (Synonyms for impact are: collision, shock, concussion ~ a forceful, even violent contact between two or more things.)

Q. Do you feel that Jack Kenworthy is capable of completing a Wind Project of this magnitude?

A. No, he has never done a Wind Project of this magnitude and we don't believe he will follow through. Over the past 3 years, during all of the meetings we've attended in regard to the proposed Industrial Wind Farm, we have been told so many different scenarios by

Eolian about the number of wind towers to be constructed, anywhere from 6 towers to now 10 proposed wind towers. Initially, Eolian stated that the height of the towers would be 400' and now they're proposed to be nearly 500'. How can we believe anything AWE is telling us when their story changes on a regular basis? AWE had also mentioned early on, that the Audubon Society supported the proposed wind farm, but obviously that was not the truth, because they are intervening, as we are.

Q. Bob, what is your relationship with Jack Kenworthy today?

A. I have no relationship with him any more! Annie and I have been very happy here for over 20 years until Jack and his Eolian crew came to Antrim, turned our town upside down and divided our community in two; disrupting our lives with their proposed Industrial Wind Farm with no concern for the residents who live here for the love of this rural setting.

Q. How do you feel about alternative energy?

A. We both believe in a healthy environment and various sources of alternative energy, including wind power. However, since we've been involved in trying to protect the Rural Conservation District, we've done extensive research and have found that wind energy is the highest costing form of energy with the lowest return and the citizens of Antrim won't benefit from it. We also feel that AWE will more than likely sell out to a larger company once they obtain all of their approvals. Is that okay with the SEC?

Q. Do you have any other concerns about this proposed project?

A. Yes, we value our frequent wildlife sightings and feel that by blasting the ridge of Tuttle Hill and beyond to construct the proposed project, it will destroy the natural habitat for the moose, bear, deer, hawks, eagles, owls, bobcats and all other wild animals and birds that live here and whose species have been here for hundreds of years. What about them???

Q. Do you have long-term goals as residents of Antrim?

A. Yes, we were planning on retiring here in our beautiful home and environment, but don't feel that we will be able to, nor will we want to stay here in the event that the Wind Farm is approved and constructed. We also feel that we won't be able to recoup what we've invested here with ten 500' wind turbines on the ridgeline directly in our view shed. Who will pay us fair market value for our home? AWE?????? Not very likely!!!

Q. What would you request of AWE if the project is approved?

A. We would demand a guarantee from AWE that if they do obtain the approvals to build an Industrial Wind Farm, that they or anyone they assign it to, will pay us fair market value for our home and land. We are only one of many families who feel this way in the North Branch of Antrim. Will AWE buy all of our properties at fair market value? We don't believe so! Why should we give up our homes that we were planning on living in for the rest of our lives???

Q. Do you feel that the Board of Selectmen has been protecting your rights as taxpayers in the Town of Antrim?

A. No, there have been several secret meetings between AWE and the BOS in Antrim that were not publicly announced and we feel that we can't trust anything AWE is telling us and that they've been misleading the BOS and the citizens of Antrim into believing that this is a good thing for our town. We believe that if they get the approvals needed to construct the project, they'll sell it out to a large company, take their money and run! We don't believe they'll follow through with the project because they've never seen anything through to fruition.

Q. Why do you feel that an Industrial Wind Farm should not be constructed on the ridge of Tuttle Hill to Willard Pond?

A. This is the Rural Conservation District and per the request of the SEC last year during the hearings, a special ad hoc committee was formed in Antrim to amend the existing ordinances. They worked very hard to create ordinances that would favor Industrial Wind Farms in all areas of Antrim. When it came to a vote by the citizens of Antrim in November, 2011 and March, 2012, the revised ordinances were voted against by the majority of voters in Antrim, not once, but twice!

This means that the Ordinances that were originally in place in Antrim are still in effect and maintain that the North Branch area of Antrim is a Rural Conservation District. Unlike Lempster, we have ordinances in place in Antrim, which are here for a reason, which is to preserve this area, NOT to destroy it by blasting our ridgelines and destroying the natural habitat of the wildlife that have been here for years! That is why we live here and that is how it should remain.

Q. Do you have any requests of the SEC?

A. Yes, we are pleading with the SEC to respect our desire to retire here in the most pristine area of Southern New Hampshire, to reject the application of AWE to construct an Industrial Wind Farm and to encourage them to take the proposed project to another area that won't be compromising the values of the people and wildlife who live here.

Q. Does this conclude your testimonies?

A. Yes.