

**Site Evaluation Committee**  
**Application for a Renewal Energy Facility**  
**Antrim Wind Energy Docket 2012-01**

**Pre-filed Testimony of Janice Duley Longgood**

July 31, 2012

**1. Please state your name and address:**

My name is Janice Duley Longgood.

My address is: 156 Salmon Brook Rd., Antrim, NH 03440

**2. How long have you lived in Antrim?**

I have been a resident of Antrim for 27 years and have owned the property on Salmon Brook Road for 29 years.

**3. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

I am a direct abutter to the proposed Wind Energy Facility. The purpose of my testimony is to plead the SEC to deny the permit for a ten turbine wind facility in Antrim and to uphold the zoning of the Rural Conservation District of Antrim.

I have been a resident of Antrim for 27 years, having built my home in the woods for the peace, quiet and rural nature. When this property was deeded by the Longgood's (1985) it was "subject to with the benefit of the covenants, restrictions, reservations, conditions, rights of approval and easements as set forth in a Declaration of Protective Covenants and Restrictions by Land/Vest Properties, Inc. dated March 18, 1974 and recorded in Volume 2351 page 099 of the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds and the Grantees, by acceptance of this deed, covenant and agree on behalf of themselves, their administrators, executors, heirs and assigns and personal representatives, that they will well and truly observe and perform said covenants, restrictions reservations, conditions, rights of approval and easements which shall be a burden upon and run with the land."

The covenants and restrictions have since expired, but the rural area has been protected through Antrim's zoning regulations which established the Rural Conservation District in 1989.

Salmon Brook Road lies in Quabbin to Cardigan Wildlife Corridor. My residence is in the rural conservation district. My home lies at the end of the town maintained section of Salmon Brook Road, 800 feet into the woods. It is quiet and peaceful with abundant wildlife.

**4. Why are you opposed to the AWE proposed Industrial Wind Facility?**

I am very concerned about the noise. The stated modeled worst case dBA in the Sound Level Assessment Report (Appendix 13A of SEC Site Application) is 41 dBA (above ambient). As I understand the assessment tool, the sound assessment was modeled based on a hub height of 30 feet, not 60 feet which brings me to question if this is an accurate assessment. I assume the blades would be longer thus moving more wind and creating more sound. I do not hear any noise from Rte. 9, I only hear the sounds of nature, the quiet babbling of my brook, wind, rain, peepers and other animals too numerous to mention (as well as an occasional airplane). The projected and anticipated noise levels from this facility are concerning at best.

The lights on the turbines will flash in unison, 20-40 flashes per minute, similar to Lempster Wind Farm which can be seen 12 miles from the project. The night sky as I know it will not be able to be enjoyed.

Four of the proposed turbines are closer than a mile to my home: Turbine 1: (T1) 7,850 feet, (T2) 7,763 feet, (T3) 6,757 feet, (T4) 4,669 feet, (T5) 3,843 feet, (T6) 4,119 feet (T7) 4,667 feet, (T8) 5,521 feet, (T9) 5,876 feet and (T10) 6,115 feet. My property line is 1,885 feet from turbine 5. The back of my land will be unusable due to the close proximity of the turbines. My property and my home will be surrounded by the largest turbines in New England thus forever changing the nature of my land, my home and my rural lifestyle.

I am concerned about the visual impact that this project will have on my home.

**5. Why is it important to you to maintain the rural quality of Antrim?**

It was with enthusiasm that my home was built in the wilderness of NH. Having grown up in Concord NH, I was eager to move to rural area with privacy, wildlife, quietude et al. My dream was to own 10 acres and have my home built in the middle of the acreage. I now have 51 acres. I have had the pleasure of seeing snowy owls, hawks, bear, moose, bats and a multitude of wildlife.

My biggest fear, if this project goes forward is that my property will no longer be desirable, will be worth less money if saleable at all. This will have a negative financial impact on me as I head toward my retirement years.

This proposed Wind Energy Facility if permitted will forever change the nature of this land and my ability to enjoy my personal sanctuary.