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NH Site Evaluation Committee  
NH Department of Environmental Services  
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Dear Members of the Board,

RE: Docket #2011-2

I am writing in support of the Wind Facility being considered for Antrim, New Hampshire. I understand this is a 10-wind turbine facility, and there has been extensive input, meetings, public comments, and even a Town of Antrim NH vote. For most of this, there is wide support and I recognize a few (a minority) against the project.

I can appreciate that over the next few days, you, the Committee, will deliberate on both the facts and the emotions that have been presented to you through all the hearings. I pray you will support the project as proposed with Ten Wind Turbines.

The reason I am writing is because I am a large landowner in Antrim, New Hampshire; so is my Mother. I have spent a lot of time in Antrim as a kid growing up and now as an adult enjoying the property. My family and I are landowners of Willard Mountain where the installation of Turbines 9 and 10 is being proposed.

I want to share with you the fact that through the process, we did not support the idea of putting our land into a conservation easement, and in fact, until recently, the 123 acre parcel at the top of Willard Mountain was not part of any easement agreement. I realize there has been a strong argument about the visual impact relative to Willard Pond with Wind Turbines 9 & 10, and because of this, we have entered into an easement agreement with the Harris Center. I need to stress to you this was personally not an easy decision for either myself or my Mother. It is not that we do not like the idea of conservation; we do. However, it was more that potentially in 50 years, the wind turbines would be gone but the conservation easement will continue on; that limitation was and will continue to bother me. In an effort to allow you to approve the Ten Wind Turbine Project, my Mother and I agreed to put the 123 acres into conservation with limitation of buildings on the ridge.

This project could potentially be the only opportunity to have over 233 acres of Willard Mountain placed into conservation. Because of this project, I have agreed to place 110 acres of my property into conservation and just recently, my Mother has agreed to place the top portion of her property (123 acres) into conservation.

The reason this project is important to us is that it allows us the opportunity to keep the property in the family without the burden of a family feud over who owes what for taxes, road maintenance, uses, and maintenance to the camp, etc. The revenue from the lease agreement will allow all these issues to be shared equally within the family while still allowing all the benefits the public enjoys now – open space.

My family and I have been landowners of more than 350 acres for over 50 years. We have managed the property, logged, hunted, and encouraged people to enjoy OUR property while at the same time respecting our rights as landowners. We have been responsible in maintaining the hiking trails, trimming the apple and oak

trees, and have been continuously attempting to manage the property so as to increase wildlife habitat. That fine forest and mountain top everyone loves so much has an owner.

I personally negotiated with Antrim Wind, and I will say they respected my position on the issues with which I am most concerned. It is also important to point out there wouldn't be any conservation easements if it were not for Antrim Wind; nor will there be any without Antrim Wind on our property.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Paul J. Whittemore