



TOWN OF BRISTOL

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Timothy W. Drew
Administrator
Public Information and Permitting
Office of the Commissioner
NH Department of Environmental Services
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Dear Mr. Drew,

The purpose of this correspondence is to voice our opposition to the anticipated proposals for two new wind turbine facilities in the Newfound Area. While we can understand and support the need to develop alternative sources of energy, to locate so many turbines in such a small area places an unnecessary burden on a region that relies heavily on its' natural beauty and unspoiled views to attract tourism.

As stated in RSA 162-H:1, one of the responsibilities of the Site Evaluation Committee in reviewing these requests is to fully evaluate the impacts to economic growth. We feel that a proliferation of turbines will have a negative economic impact on this region given that tourists may choose to visit other areas where they will not have their views interrupted by ridgelines covered with wind turbines. Our region already has twenty four turbines. One should reasonably expect that there are other areas around the State where new projects could be sited so as to avoid a large concentration of wind turbines in any one area. With regard to this aspect of the issue we are not above absorbing our fair share, but do not feel it is appropriate to overburden one area when there must certainly be other options to consider.

While our initial concerns deal specifically with "siting" issues, we may have further comment with regard to other impacts as we continue our research into this matter. We felt it was important to voice our concern early in the process so that it can be more fully evaluated by the SEC.

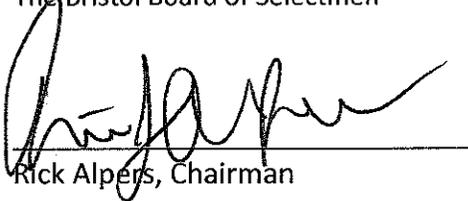
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We trust that you will take our concerns, as well as those of area residents and other Towns, into account in your deliberations and give them careful consideration. If you have any additional questions or need to contact us, please do so through our Town Administrator, Michael Capone. He can be reached by email townadmin@townofbristolnh.org or by phone 744-2528.

Best Regards,

The Bristol Board of Selectmen



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