



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee
21 Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

Dear Mr. Honigberg:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on Tuesday, September 15th regarding the draft rules for the Site Evaluation Committee.

I sincerely appreciate the attention and effort that you have committed to assuring final rules reflect the public's sentiment and encourage you to hold fast on the progress you have made to date.

Additionally, I would ask you to strongly consider going further and include:

- language that strengthens setback requirements that err on the side of property owners' safety;
- a more stringent standard for shadow flicker (to lessen the impact on the public);
- language that requires consideration of the cumulative impact of existing energy facilities and any project that is being reviewed by the SEC;
- a re-write of the site control language so that no project would be considered by the SEC until the applicant has complete control of the land required for the facility and ancillary infrastructure.
 - The language as it is currently proposed for site control is extremely concerning to me, especially given the legislature's efforts in recent years to protect a private developer from taking private property through the eminent domain process.
 - As acknowledged by members of the Site Evaluation Committee in years prior, the SEC does not have the authority to grant eminent domain to an applicant. The language as proposed, seems to grant that authority.

I do know that there are other concerns from the public and I trust that as you craft the final draft, their concerns will be reflected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanie Forrester".

Jeanie Forrester
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