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Pre-trial testimony for Elsa Voelcker in the Antrim wind application

Who are you:

I am Elsa Voelcker. I am a 32 year resident at 97 Old Pound Road about a mile from Tuttle Hill in Antrim, New Hampshire.

What is your occupation?

I have taught photography at Franklin Pierce University and St. Anselm College for 23 years and have a Masters of Fine Arts in photography from the Visual Studies Workshop through SUNY, Buffalo.

What is your stand on the Site Evaluation taking on the Antrim Wind application for consideration?

I feel that this new application is essentially the same as the last your committee heard for months last time. It is only minus one tower with another one lower to protect Willard Pond view shed. However, it is still too small a hill with too tall 9 towers on it. Over half of Antrim will be viewing these towers in the winter time and what is more disturbing since Antrim lays immediately West of them, and wind direction is generally west, they will be hearing the noise of them 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

What is your reaction to the simulation photographs by David Raphael?

I feel these were purposely designed to fade the wind towers into the haze. I believe they are misleading. I have driven on route 31 north by the wind towers in Lempster, N.H. They are only 380 feet tall and, they stand out much clearer than that. At night the blinking red lights would be very disturbing on the walls of your house. They are definitely a presence in Newport and even larger towers in Antrim would detract from the wilderness experience at Gregg Lake and views from the surrounding counties. Trees will only come up less than a seventh of the height of the towers. The visual effects of these towers will be much greater than is depicted on these images