



July 1, 2015

Martin Honigberg, Chairman
c/o New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire, 03301

RE: SEC Docket # 2014-05 2015 Antrim Wind Energy Proposal

Dear Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Corkery. I am the Chapter Director of New Hampshire Sierra Club (NHSC). Sierra Club is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization started in 1892 with over two million members and supporters across the country. The statement of purpose of Sierra Club starts: "To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the Earth." NH Sierra Club has over 10,000 members and supporters in New Hampshire.

Sierra Club advocates for safe, reliable and sustainable renewable energy sources to shift away from fossil fuels in the power sector. Our public health is at risk by the pollution from fossil fuel burning power plants. Sensitive populations, like the elderly, the young, the pregnant and those who want to become pregnant, and people with chronic illnesses are at risk of worsening conditions if we do not responsibly replace the energy that creates the pollution. Climate change will only make these conditions worse and the urgency to make the shift is only heightened over time.

As a result, NHSC is prepared to have the difficult conversations about the challenges of shifting away from burning fossil fuels, reliability of the electric grid, and the placement of new energy sources, like wind turbines and solar gardens.

The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. The Sierra Club's members are 2.4 million of your friends and neighbors nationwide with 10,000 in New Hampshire. Inspired by nature, we work together to protect our communities and the planet.

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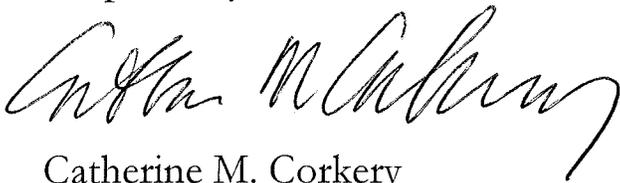
The Chapter believes the Antrim Wind Energy proposal in Docket #2014-05 should be given a fair, balanced review by the Site Evaluation Committee. We understand the conversation in this docket has shifted from a simple jurisdictional review to a decision regarding the proposed changes of a previously denied proposal.

The Committee does have jurisdiction to accept and review the project, as stated in RSA 162-H: 2, XII. If the Committee accepts the proposal, it can give a thorough public review to determine if the current proposal is materially changed from the original. Trying to make that determination before accepting the Application would short circuit an otherwise thorough acceptable process and potentially would require re-examination of the same questions. Further, creating this pre-acceptance determination presents a significant threat to due process, transparency and, worst yet, wasting time and money. The policy of the Committee is to avoid unnecessary procedural hurdles.

Therefore, New Hampshire Sierra Club encourages the Committee to accept the question of jurisdiction to delve into the merits of the proposed project in a timely, predictable, fair manner as clearly outlined in the statute. We respect and honor the directive of the Site Evaluation Committee and believe it can strike a fair and balanced judgement.

Thank you for your time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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