

The State of New Hampshire

Site Evaluation Committee

Docket No. **2015-02**

Re: Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

BY JOHN F. GIFFIN

**NOW COMES** the Petitioner, John F. Giffin of Antrim New Hampshire, who respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (The SEC) to grant him leave to intervene in these proceedings pursuant to NH Code of Administrative Rules, Site 201.11, and RSA 541-A:32. In support of his petition Mr. Giffin states as follows:

1. Mr. Giffin is a 38 year resident of the Town of Antrim New Hampshire with his home being at 137 Concord St. Antrim, NH 03440 (telephone 759-9804)
2. This petition is in response to a petition filed by Antrim Wind Energy LLC (AWE) on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 seeking the SEC's Certificate of Site and Facility approving the construction of a 28.8 MW electrical generation facility (The Project) located in the Northwest portion of the town.
3. Mr. Giffin has a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments for the Town of Antrim since 2006 and is currently the Chairman.
4. As the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments Mr. Giffin has a strong understanding of the planning and zoning procedures and how they affect the Town of Antrim .
5. Mr. Giffin works as a certified full time police officer in the Town of Antrim as well as well as being a long time resident and property owner.
6. Mr. Giffin seeks to intervene in favor of the Project due to the overwhelming evidence that this is the right time, location and design for a green energy power producing facility such as the one AWE is proposing.
7. In the large picture interests of the State of New Hampshire and the United States as a whole placing a Wind Turbine style electrical power generation facility in Antrim will give a large boost the State's goal of generating 20% of the electrical power from green or renewable sources by the year 2025. This will add to the United States Governments similar goals as well.
8. Wind power generating facilities require a very specific set of conditions to be able to be brought to fruition such as distance from structures, correct wind speed, direction and turbulence factors, nearness to power transmission lines etc. The Antrim Tuttle Hill area has 100% of these conditions and is in no way a marginal location. Having all of these factors so

prominently situated on the proposed site vastly reduces the impact to the surrounding lands and communities.

9. The environmental impact is minimal for a project of this magnitude. With only 11 acres of land used once construction is complete is a very small foot print for a facility of this nature that can produce clean energy. If this project was a coal, wood or natural gas style generation facility it would not even be a consideration for this location.
10. As a direct benefit to the Town of Antrim, and in accordance to their Master Plan, the commercial aspect of the project will add substantial tax revenue to the town. The Master Plan states a need for the town to bolster its tax revenue with commercial companies. This project is supported by the majority of the residents of the Town of Antrim and by its Selectmen.
11. The Project is only going to be operational for a set time period and the site will be returned 100% to its natural state once decommissioned. This along with the conservation lands AWE is willing to put into a permanent easement is a benefit to all who support conservation lands for future generations.
12. I would hope the SEC will seriously weigh the actual benefit to the public, the Town of Antrim and the State of New Hampshire produced by this project as being substantially greater than inconvenience it brings to the few individuals that are directly affected by its placement. The individual argument of "I don't want to see it" pales in comparison the major environmental issues we are faced with such as global warming, dependence on fossil fuels and the dangers of items like nuclear power stations or the more intrusive variants of clean energy like hydro power. This generation has the ability to start reversing the destructive trend we are on now by implementing clean power like wind energy and solar power. Unfortunately we have not invented a clean power source that is invisible. To say you support clean energy but then argue you don't want to "see it" in your back yard is hypocritical and short sighted.

#### **SUMMARY:**

For the foregoing reasons Mr. Giffin seeks to intervene pursuant to Site 202.11(b) on the following grounds:

- This petition will be served and submitted within the time limits set out in the rule;
- As set forth in this petition Mr. Giffin has substantial rights, interests and duties that are affected by the proceedings.
- The interests of Mr. Giffin will not be adequately protected by other parties; and
- The intervention of Mr. Giffin will be in the interest of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

**Request for Relief**

**WHEREFORE**, Mr. Giffin respectfully requests that the SEC issue an order granting his petition and granting further relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 I have caused the Petition for Intervention to be served by electronic mail as provided in the NH Administrative Code, Site 201.07 to the persons below.

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