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**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Monroe, Pamela <[Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov](mailto:Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This is our house now

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Thank you Pam so much. I do appreciate your help.

On Fri, Jan 10, 2020, 4:14 PM Monroe, Pamela <[Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov](mailto:Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berwick—

### **Background**

Page 9 of the Certificate contains the following condition:

Further Ordered that the Applicant shall retain a third-party noise expert, as approved by the Administrator of the Committee, to assist the Town of Antrim and the Administrator in taking field measurements in order to evaluate and validate noise complaints; and it is,

Page 10 of the Certificate contains the following condition:

Further Ordered that, the Applicant or its successors shall provide the Town of Antrim and the Administrator of the Committee with paper and electronic copies of its Post-Construction Sound Monitoring Reports required by the Site Evaluation Committee (Ref. Site 301.18 e & f) which shall include a map or diagram showing: (1) the layout of the project area, including topography, project boundary lines, and property lines; (2) the locations of the sound measurement points; and (3) the distance between any sound measurement point and the nearest wind turbine; and it is,

### **Complaint Response**

As a follow-up to your complaint, I have been in contact with representatives of AWE and offer the following.

The response that you received below regarding the measurements scheduled in March relate to the condition of page 10 of the Certificate. To date, the third-party noise expert referenced on Page 9 of the Certificate has not been retained. I apologize that has not been done to date, but I am now addressing that. I had a call with a representative with AWE today to discuss the process for retaining such an expert and I believe that we have a path forward.

I plan to connect early next week with a third-party expert to determine their qualifications, and if acceptable, I will work with AWE to get the expert on board in an expedited manner. Once the expert is retained, we will work out a plan and a timetable to get take noise measurements, so that we can some verified third-party data points as required by the Certificate.

Please don't hesitate to call me or send me an e-mail regarding your complaint and follow-up at any time. I will keep you advised as I know more information.

Sincerely,

Pam

Pamela G. Monroe

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**From:** Barbara Berwick <[bberwick@hawthorneacademy.org](mailto:bberwick@hawthorneacademy.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:31 PM

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Thank you Pam, I really appreciate your help.

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 1:10 PM Monroe, Pamela <[Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov](mailto:Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berwick—

Thank you for forwarding your concerns to me. I will review the conditions in the Certificate and get back to you as to where things stand no later than Friday.

Sincerely,

Pam

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**From:** Barbara Berwick <[bberwick@hawthorneacademy.org](mailto:bberwick@hawthorneacademy.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:55 PM

**To:** Ethan Mollasalehi <[Ethan\\_Mollasalehi@transalta.com](mailto:Ethan_Mollasalehi@transalta.com)>; Bob Edwards <[rl Edwardsbos@gmail.com](mailto:rl Edwardsbos@gmail.com)>;  
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Ms. Munroe,

Please see my previous emails and the response I received. The sound that these windmills are creating at night is unbelievable, I measured the sound at over 70 decibels, and it is every night and it is not a steady sound that perhaps we could get used to. At the hearing we, abutters, asked how we would be protected if we were experiencing sound or flicker greater than that anticipated and I believe we were told to contact our selectmen or the SEC. The answer I received is basically saying that they will not test until the scheduled time. That is not what we were told at the hearing. I can assure you that what we are experiencing is over the limit and I am officially requesting that a testing be done. I truthfully had hoped that my friends who assured us that the sound would not be an issue would be right. I will attach a screenshot I took, and if you want, I will take a sound reading every night and send it along. I truly hope that you can help us, if they are sure that the sound is not exceeding the 40 decibels then there is no reason to not be willing to run the test. Thank you for your help, Sincerely,

Barbara Berwick

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On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 11:50 AM Ethan Mollasalehi <[Ethan\\_Mollasalehi@transalta.com](mailto:Ethan_Mollasalehi@transalta.com)> wrote:

Hello Barbara,

Thanks for reaching out regarding this.

The agreement with the Town of Antrim (amended on 2018-01-16) describes the sound level limits that apply to the wind farm at receptors (the exterior facades of homes). Per this agreement, the sound from Antrim Wind farm during Operations shall not exceed the greater of 45 dBA or 5 dBA above background levels (measure at the L90 level) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM and the greater of 40 dBA or 5 dBA above background levels (measured at the

L90 level) at all other times. Compliance to those levels has been demonstrated through the sound assessment report submitted during the project's application.

Additionally, and per the Certificate from NHSEC and per the agreement mentioned above, we are planning to conduct four (4) noise measurements this year, one each season. It is intended to perform the first one before March 24, 2020. The final report of each measurements will be submitted to the town within 30 days of its receipt by Antrim Wind Energy/TransAlta.

Thanks

Ethan

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**From:** Donna Hanson <[antrimbiz@tds.net](mailto:antrimbiz@tds.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 29, 2019 4:12 PM  
**To:** Ethan Mollasalehi <[Ethan\\_Mollasalehi@transalta.com](mailto:Ethan_Mollasalehi@transalta.com)>  
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Hello Ethan,

Please see the attached email. Please let me know the status of the complaint.

Thank you,

Donna

**From:** Robert Edwards [<mailto:rledwardsbos@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 29, 2019 3:39 PM  
**To:** Barbara Berwick; Donna  
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Thanks Barbara. Let us check into this and respond to you. I'm copying Donna too for the record. Thank you. Bob

On Sat, Dec 28, 2019 at 8:54 PM Barbara Berwick <[bberwick@hawthorneacademy.org](mailto:bberwick@hawthorneacademy.org)> wrote:

I have in my head that there was some promise that there machines would only create noise in the 40decible range. I truly cant believe how noisy they are. All the time, but especially the last 2 nights. I used a decimeter on my phone, outside right now. No other noises, no tv, nothing, the sounds comes into the house even with all the windows and doors shut . This is all from the windmills. I believe we need to go through the selectman to ask them to officially measure the sound.Would you please ask them to do that? Thank you.

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