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Subject: noise from Antrim Turbines

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Dear Chairman Martin,

I am reaching out to you asking that you please, please, please look at the process that is being used to assure that Antrim Wind Energy meets the requirements set forth by the SEC in regard to sound assessments. One of the reasons that many members of the SEC commission felt 'reassured' about voting in favor of AWE constructing the wind turbines, was the very fact that homeowners would be protected by these protocols.

One night in January, when the noise was so loud and just drumming into my head, I used a decibel app on my phone to measure the decibels I was hearing and screenshot the readings. I then sent this to one of our selectmen asking if they could please get AWE to measure the sound, as I was sure this had to be way over the limits. He forwarded my message to AWE and they answered that the "sound assessment report submitted during the project's application" showed the project would be in compliance. . A pre-construction sound report is not proof of compliance.

I then contacted Pam Monroe, Administrator for the SEC, and shared everything. Ms. Monroe started the process of hiring Mr. Tocci to conduct sound assessments. Mr. Tocci proposed a plan that does not appear to meet the parameters created by the SEC. Lisa Linowes, who moderated the stakeholder group that developed the sound protocols, asked for a phone conference between herself, Mr. Tocci, Ms. Monroe, another sound consultant, as well as Ms Longgood and myself. Initially, this was going to happen, and then suddenly nothing. No meeting and so nothing has happened. We, homeowners don't want to have assessments done if they don't follow the rules, as that will only allow AWE to continue to generate sounds way above the limits allowed

Meanwhile, my husband and I had previously agreed to allow AWE to conduct their quarterly sound assessments on our property. When we initially granted permission, we assumed that all these protocols would be in place. When they came, the protocols still were not resolved, so I had great concerns. I left work, dashed home and spoke to the men who were setting up their system, explaining that I had major concerns about what protocols they would be using, and wanted to be sure that they were following the rules set forth by the SEC in this regard. I asked if they could share with me the protocols they would be [using](#). At first they offered to email them to me, but then decided they should instead send them to Ms. Monroe with directions to forward them. They assured me they would do this. I never received anything.

The results of those sound assessments were released May 12th. Out of a 15-day period, they only had 9 hours of time that they could assess the sound levels at our house!!!!!!!!!! and by Ms. Longgood's home ONLY ONE HOUR!!!!!! HOW can this possibly be legal? How can you eliminate all but 2 hours from a 15 day round the clock sound study?

By allowing AWE to ignore the SEC protocols for sound assessment, or worse allow AWE to write its own protocols, its consultants are at liberty to eliminate any hours they want.

Certainly, this was never the intent of the SEC when the rules were adopted. CERTAINLY these protocols were put there in order to provide some level of protection for the citizens impacted. Now, my neighbors, the Buco's also sent in complaints, the noise was actually scaring their young kids. Rather than having any meeting to assure that the protocols are correct, it seems that the plan from the SEC is to just set up a sound assessment at the Buco's house. My neighbors actually contacted me to ask what they should say about testing, and it was on my recommendation that they agreed, never did I think that the SEC would use their lack of knowledge to find some way to do the testing without meeting the protocols, but it appears that is exactly what the plan is. I contacted Amanda and Josh and let them know the issues, so I am sure that they are not going to allow this. Why on earth do we have to beg for something so basic? We are truly tired of all the deception from every angle. IF THERE IS NOTHING WRONG GOING ON , THEN WHY IS IT SO MUCH TO ASK FOR THIS MEETING?????? Please, please, please, I am begging you, please, do not allow this to just continue. Please help Barbara Berwick