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Once we are satisfied with the protocols, of course we will give permission, but in the meantime, AWE has been able to do 1/4 of the testing they are legally required to do, and there is no way they used the protocols established by the SEC. All they need to do is keep it up 3 more times, while the SEC stands by and lets them do this, and then as far as they are concerned they will have met all the requirements. We want the testing done, we obviously don't want to live with these periods of intense noise, but after living through the SEC hearing, we have learned that everything is on the side of AWE. If the testing is done, and not done correctly the very first time, I think we literally will be up the creek without a paddle. We've already seen they have completed the testing once not following protocols. I have a feeling after the one testing based on noise complaints, all the burden of proof will fall on us, or else we will be expected to pay some huge sum in order to get testing done. Why on earth would a representative from Antrim Wind be coming to our houses, certainly it is in their interest, but what about our interests? I will repeat that having a licensed kitchen at the school, the inspector simply walks in, usually at the most inopportune times, no notice, no advanced warning, no time to prepare ahead of time. That is what an inspection is. At all times, things should be done correctly, you don't let the fox guard the chicken-coop, nor do you bring him around to meet the chickens ahead of time. AWE does not have permission to be on our property, in my opinion they are much, much more deceptive and destructive than any foxes. I will also point out that having a truly independent sound engineer is important. Most of these men are dependent on the wind energy companies for their daily bread. They can't afford to testify truthfully against them. At one time, I thought most of them to be honest. I always tend to believe that in people, but obviously we have seen at least 2 different companies who pandered to AWE and were not honest in their assessments, so my trusting days are long gone. There was the one who included the sounds of deck constructions into their assessments, this last one who eliminated all but one hour of a 15 day test from Jan Longgood's house, and all but 9 hours from our location. Truly interesting that this wasn't done ever during the 3 initial assessments performed at our house. You know, all Lisa Linowes asked for was a telephone conference with you Mr. Tocci, Mr. Rand, and whatever homeowners wanted to join in. It actually was going to happen and then stopped. I don't understand why everything needs to be so complicated?

On Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 12:37 PM Monroe, Pamela <[Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov](mailto:Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berwick-

Thank you for your correspondence. Chairwoman Martin asked that I respond to you. I hope that you and Mr. Berwick are staying healthy.

On June 15, the Chair of the SEC sent the attached letter and revised protocol to Senator Ward, Senator Giuda, and Representative Vose. The letter is in response to constituent concerns provided to the Legislators in a letter that can be found at the following link: [https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-02/post-certificate-filings/2015-02\\_2020-04-17\\_ltr\\_chair\\_constituent\\_concerns.pdf](https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-02/post-certificate-filings/2015-02_2020-04-17_ltr_chair_constituent_concerns.pdf). Many of the constituent concerns relate to the third-party sound measurement protocol that was developed by Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, a third-party expert approved by the Administrator, to perform sound measurement testing in response to noise complaints related to Antrim Wind Energy.

Since receiving the letter, Antrim Wind Energy submitted the first post-construction sound monitoring report for the winter season as required by the N.H. Admin. R., Site 301.18. Ms. Linowes submitted a letter to me with concerns about the report and it is posted on the website at the following link: [https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-02/post-certificate-filings/2015-02\\_2020-05-21\\_comment\\_linowes-obo\\_windaction\\_group.pdf](https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-02/post-certificate-filings/2015-02_2020-05-21_comment_linowes-obo_windaction_group.pdf).

RSA 162-H:3-a and Site 103.04(e), requires the Site Evaluation Committee to approve the engagement of technical or legal support to fulfill the functions of the committee. I am in the process of scheduling a public meeting with the 9-member Site Evaluation Committee to, among other things, review a request to retain technical support to review the post-construction sound monitoring report and the process for reporting the results of that review to the Committee. I will be sure to copy you on the agenda for the public meeting.

Relative to your neighbor's noise complaints. I am aware of Ms. Bucu's concern for her children and I take that very seriously. I have been in direct contact with Ms. Bucu and Ms. Morrison and scheduled a visit to their property tomorrow with myself, Mr. Tocci and his associates, and a representative of Antrim Wind to meet them both and to determine the best location for the sound monitoring equipment.

Last evening, I received an e-mail from Ms. Bucu, with an attached e-mail from you. She rescinded her permission to meet tomorrow at her property, but her e-mail seemed to indicate that she thought that we would actually be doing testing tomorrow and that is not the case. I sent her a response that clarifies the goal of the meeting tomorrow and I am hoping that she changes her mind. I have attached her e-mail and my response to it for your convenience.

Once we complete the site visit, I am requesting that Antrim Wind Energy resume forecasting and that Mr. Tocci and his staff mobilize to conduct the testing when the forecasted conditions arise. See page 2

of the attached protocol. Mr. Tocci has enough staff and equipment to conduct sound monitoring simultaneously at all four properties (yours, Ms. Longgood's, Ms. Morrison's and Ms. Buco's). By way of this e-mail, I am once again requesting permission for Mr. Tocci and his staff to set-up the monitoring equipment at your property when the forecasted conditions arise.

Please advise.

Sincerely,

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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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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