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Dear Chairman Vose, STE and SEC Committee Members,

I just finished reading this linked article in the Union Leader:

https://www.unionleader.com/news/environment/antrim-residents-want-new-wind-project-hearing/article_b7b4ed2f-7802-571a-91af-ec56fe49add.html

I find some of the information contained within this article to be very disturbing. I have been following existing and potential wind projects throughout the state of NH for almost 10 years. As I understand, there were rules adopted not too long ago, which apply to projects like Antrim. Why they are not being properly followed now is inexplicable and astonishing. The lack of communication and public notification is unacceptable. I have also become aware of a long list of violations related to this project that the SEC seems to have ignored. Violations serious enough to void Antrim Wind's Certificate of Operation. Each of them egregious in it's own right but the most stunning is the fact that a previous decision was made during a hearing for which no notification was made. This alone would have been a simple task but since it did not occur it leads one to suspect that something is amiss. How can any of these issues be addressed if those who are experiencing them and have sought relief cannot participate because they are unaware of the hearing? It does not sound very fair or democratic to me.

A new hearing needs to be scheduled to fairly address the issues and the SEC needs to demonstrate a commitment to follow the rules. The problems that some of the Antrim Wind residents are experiencing are very serious and should be treated as such. There is no excuse that can justify or explain why this isn't happening. If the state of NH does not have enough resources to adhere to the rules and monitor a large industrial wind facility such as Antrim Wind, then it never should have allowed it to operate in the first place. This should apply to all energy facilities in the state. If we are not up to the task of monitoring and oversight then we should not be issuing permits. The risk of jeopardizing the health and safety of our residents is too great. I sincerely hope that these issues will now be addressed at a new hearing, in a fair and proper manner, in adherence with the established rules, and that those rules be strictly adhered to going forward.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

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