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Re: NHEC Antrim Wind Power 20-year contract, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC - SEC Docket No. 2015-02

To Whom It May Concern:

As members of the NHEC, we would have expected that we would learn about the decision to enter into a 20-year power purchase agreement at elevated prices prior to, rather than after-the-fact. It is also very disappointing to have learned about the agreement to purchase energy produced by Antrim Wind, LLC through an informative editorial in the local paper and not through communication provided by the NHEC to its members.

NHEC provides service to a number of communities that have been working to protect the region's economic and environmental sustainability through enacting local Rights-based ordinances that are focused on protecting our communities from unsustainable energy sources such as industrial hydro and wind projects.

NHEC states its purpose is to "serve its members", the vision is to "provide effective energy solutions", the mission is "to be financially and environmentally-responsible for its members...", and the values of the NHEC include "respect for each other and the environment, communication, and equitable solutions to build financial sustainability".

The 20-year power purchase agreement with Antrim Wind, LLC was carried out by disenfranchising NHEC members. It also introduced an expensive source of inefficient and inconsistent energy that ratepayers will pay for in higher electric rates for many years to come. Last but not least, this agreement is environmentally destructive to sensitive ridgeline ecosystems, watersheds, and the health and well-being of the people and wildlife that live in the vicinity of the proposed Antrim Wind project.

We would appreciate a response as to why the Co-op has entered into the Antrim Wind, LLC power purchase agreement when it goes contrary to NHEC's expressed commitment to its members? Also, why lock in an above market rate of \$81/MW for an unreliable energy source when the going rate is approximately \$50/MW, especially when New Hampshire has already met its Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) requirements for 2015 and likely for 2016?

Sincerely,

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Cc: NH SEC