

August 19, 2016

NH Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Honorable Members of the Committee:

As the former Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development for nearly 13 years, a former member of the Site Evaluation Committee and current Chair of the Pease Development Authority's Board of Directors, I write in support of the Antrim Wind Energy project and urge you to approve its application.

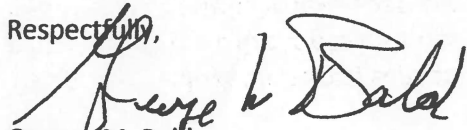
The Antrim Wind Energy Project will create over \$53 million in economic development benefits for Hillsborough county area, and will become the largest taxpayer in the Town of Antrim. It will also create 84 jobs during construction and 12 positions during operation, the project will generate enough clean, stably priced power for over 12,300 homes from just an 11 acre footprint. In addition, with the recent execution of a 20 year agreement with the NH Electric CoOp, a significant portion of the project's output is guaranteed to stay right here in New Hampshire.

In addition to these economic benefits, this project will bring enormous conservation benefits to our State by permanently conserving 908 acres of land onsite and will fund off site conservation lands as well. As the Commissioner of DRED, we always tried to insure that resource protection went hand in hand with economic development. This project is a perfect example of DRED's effort to encourage supporting the environment and the economy.

This project enjoys the strong support at the local level, including the support of the Antrim Selectboard, a majority of the citizens of Antrim, as well as numerous other elected officials. I strongly believe that it is critical that carefully developed and widely supported clean energy projects such as Antrim Wind are able to move forward in New Hampshire. This will insure that we continue to meet our clean energy needs in a responsible manner and grow our economy at the same time.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge your approval of this project.

Respectfully,



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