

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o Pamela Monroe, Administrator
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket 2015-02
Antrim Wind Energy Project

Dear Ms. Monroe:

We own a home on Gregg Lake Road, Antrim, an original cottage built in 1912 by Dr. James W. Jameson, a surgeon who practiced medicine in Concord. He built the house as a retreat for he and his family, many of whom remained in the Antrim area for decades. Jameson Avenue in downtown Antrim is named after this notable family. Jameson could never have anticipated the building of nine exceedingly huge wind turbines to spoil the aesthetics of this beautiful spot. Nor could we.

We have owned our home on Gregg Lake for almost 35 years, having chosen the area for its natural habitat and pristine beauty. The presence of nine wind turbines, each of which is the tallest human-made structure in the state of NH, is most distressing to us.

Those of us with homes around the lake know too well how noise travels across the lake. For example, the other day, from inside our house, we heard conversation that seemed to be coming from people walking on Gregg Lake Road. At the time, there was a light to medium breeze across the lake. It turned out to be three individuals (two children and an adult) playing on the public beach, almost $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. Nine wind turbines installed on ridgelines behind the public beach will certainly bring noise to our home, no matter how strong the wind, as Gregg Lake sits in a bowl surrounded by mountains and ridgelines. And, as those familiar with the wind on the lake well know, most of the time the wind comes from the direction where the turbines are being proposed.

We feel strongly that the principles that guided the SEC in 2013 to reject the AWE project then, are the same that should be applied to the Gregg Lake area now. Just because several homes around the lake have been renovated or changed, and might no longer reflect the history of the original house, is no reason to deny the history of the place on aesthetic grounds in order to build a wind farm that will so directly impact residents.

This feels like a David vs. Goliath issue for homeowners around the lake and those even closer to the nine turbines. Wind energy is a wonderful resource when it is not in the direct path of people's homes. Would any of the pro-AWE or SEC members want to live directly in the path of those towering turbines? We think not.

Respectfully,

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