

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
Site Evaluation Committee

RE: Antrim Wind Energy – Docket # 2015-02

I am writing in support of the Antrim Wind project. In this time of urgent need greater environmental protection – in which clean and non-polluting power sources should be an obvious factor – I am very concerned that so much protest against the project seems to be based upon aesthetic considerations. My aesthetic senses are far more offended by the sight of emissions from nuclear or fossil fuel power plants than the sight of a few (or even many) tall, sleek, virtually silent and powerfully elegant wind turbines poised along the ridge of a hill.

No one wants to do without power, so our task is to create that power in ways that have the least negative effect on the environment. At the present time that seems to be primarily through the use of wind turbines and solar panels. At least these avoid the emission of harmful particulate matter into the atmosphere and the problems of managing poisonous waste from nuclear generators or from fracking and other processes of fossil fuel refining and use. The long term effects of these wastes will lead to a far greater blight on the landscape than the changes resulting from installing a few wind turbines.

Therefore, I urge the Committee to weigh the overall environmental impact for the many as against the aesthetic sensibilities of the few very carefully in making its decision. Thank you.