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To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Antrim Wind, Docket 2015-02

Dear Ms. Monroe and the Site Evaluation Committee:

I am writing this evening to strongly urge you to once again reject the proposed Windmill Project

It has been truly devastating to watch our small town decay from a vibrant, upbeat enclave to an infighting, fragmented place literally broken from the cancer that is Jack Kenworthy and Antrim Wind. It is an absolute lie that the majority of the townspeople support this project. There has NEVER been a town vote regarding the support of this project.

Even though I have voted in every single election held in this town since 1999, I am not represented by The Antrim Select Board, because as Gordon Webber once told me publicly in a meeting, he and the other Selectman only represent the people of Antrim that are in favor of the wind project. All others are ignored, avoided and treated with complete disdain.

In the past both the SEC and the Attorney General's office have correctly declined this project on various merits. This proposal is no different. The technical aspects have not changed with ANY significance whatsoever - frankly I'm surprised that you agreed to hear it again.

The size of the turbines proposed is astounding - a complete rape of our historically significant and scenic landscape. I absolutely cannot believe that the SEC would even consider this project. There is NOTHING appropriate about it. Alternative energy projects should work cohesively with the landscape, complement it, respect it and and work side by side with the natural resources that it is borrowing - not overpower it visually or create any noise or other disturbances. This project will do all of that and more. The turbines proposed are in no way physically proportionate to the ridge line. I love that Jack Kenworthy reports that the impact of the view is "subjective"...really? That comment is beyond insulting.

My home is located at 15 White Birch Point and is one of several homes here on White Birch Point that will see most, if not all of the turbines along the ridge line. There is not a single person who lives on Gregg Lake who will not attest to the travel of sound via the wind as it blows in our direction from across the lake. It's absolutely unbelievable and impossible to explain to someone who doesn't live here. You literally have to whisper in your own yard not to be heard by any of your neighbors. I don't care about any of the studies done, they mean nothing to me. I can assure you, we will be hearing the turbines. There isn't a doubt in my mind. I have lived here, year round, for 17 years.

The first night that I spent in my new home so many years ago, I stepped out onto my deck and looked up to see the stars. They were so close and unobstructed I felt I could reach out and touch them. It was unbelievable. I'll never forget it. If these enormous turbines are built there will be blinking lights, all night long. The motion activated lights suggested by Antrim Wind to pacify this argument are not yet approved and will not be utilized in this project. There will be no

escape from these turbines for me and my children. It will be constant, 24/7. This is unacceptable to me.

The Town of Antrim has a long history of disdain for its "summer people". As a year-round resident and member of the White Birch Point Association living among seasonal home-owners, I see this every single day. I can't imagine we are terribly different than any other towns with similar situations. Caught in the middle as I am, I bear witness to the fact that the Town Government purposely avoids my neighbors. Nothing of any significance is ever broached when the seasonal residents are here. There is never a meeting or vote held when they are here. The excuse that they are not able to vote is bantered about constantly, so they really "don't matter". The fact that they own property and pay taxes is openly considered irrelevant. If they are forced to speak with them regarding any issue, they simply give them lip-service and put them off until they leave for the season.

Such is the case with The Antrim Wind Project. I can say with complete confidence that the Antrim Select Board and Antrim Wind has deliberately and purposefully chosen to not contact the White Birch Point Association regarding any aspect of this project. Any and all references to the White Birch Point Association, our land and its impact from this project has become known to us literally in the past few weeks. We apparently have been the subject of letters from The Army Corps of Engineers, The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, an Independent Study regarding impact from this project (generated from who-knows-who) and we have been privy to none of it. This is completely unacceptable and inappropriate in conjunction with these proceedings.

The White Birch Point Association is an incorporated Limited Liability Corporation registered in Concord with the Secretary of State of New Hampshire. Our organization is a matter of public record. There is absolutely no excuse whatsoever for us to be excluded from these discussions, however this is precisely what has happened. The members of the White Birch Point Association have every intention of seeing this matter legally through to its end.

The last point that I want to clarify is this. It has been suggested by Jack Kenworthy and Antrim Wind that the homes on White Birch Point are "off in the woods" and not impacted by the complete alteration of our historically significant beach view. We consider this to be wholly patronizing, ignorant and insulting.

The White Birch Point Beach and Historically significant Settlement celebrated our 100 year Anniversary in 2012. Most homes are inherited and consist of several extended families. All members of the White Birch Point Association own a legal, physical share of our beach. Our beach is our nucleus. Every resident here will tell you that our beach is an EXTENSION of all of our homes. We meet there for breakfast, our children learn to swim and kayak there, we grieve for our lost neighbors there together when we convene again each spring. Our beach is EVERYTHING to us. I have neighbors who can't "officially" end their day until they've watched the sun set from the beach every single day.

My elderly neighbor across the street used to come with her husband for 6 weeks. As she's aged and he's passed it became a couple weeks, this year it was 5 days. Every day she dons her white

robe and slowly walks to the beach for her evening swim. It literally brings tears to my eyes as she holds her cousins hand as she makes her way by my house. Every year I say a prayer I'll see her again.

Our personal, familial and historical beach rituals are why we are here in New Hampshire and White Birch Point specifically. They are important and deserve preservation.

I implore you, once again, to reject this wholly destructive and invasive project.

Respectfully Yours,

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