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Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am opposed to the Antrim Wind Energy project, SEC Docket 2015-02.

The value of preserving the unencumbered wild beauty of Gregg Lake and the surrounding hills and forest cannot be overstated.

I have been coming to Antrim for more than 100 years, carried deep in my family's genes. Over the last 63 years, the lessons I have learned in this sacred place are the foundation of a strong, independent society; one that knows that peace is not dependant on wealth or might, rather on the integrity that is fostered when man and nature coexist in harmony.

Allow me to tell you about some of these timeless lessons. My family has a modest cabin on White Birch Point Road; rustic and unimproved except for the addition of indoor plumbing. When I was a little girl, we carried two five gallon buckets, twice a day, through the woods to the spring where we filled them with cool clear water to drink and cook with. The spring was used in common with many of the surrounding families, until a more sophisticated system was built to deliver water to us, from the open reservoir further up the hill. If this were the only story I shared with you, you could easily imagine the lessons a young person would learn about shared effort required to meet basic needs, conservation of resources, cooperation with neighbors...

What made the effort special, besides the beauty of the trail to the spring, was that I usually performed this task with my grandmother. Grammy taught me how to identify wild plants; their names, which were edible, which to protect because they were rare. Carrying water together and learning about life underfoot made the concept of respect real and precious to me.

My grandparents, my parents and my brother and I shared the cabin, which my father and granddad built. We learned to respect each other's privacy, cooperated with each other's idiosyncrasies, competed with each other over board and card games, laughed together and helped each other through life's challenges. Nowhere else did our family have this special, multigenerational togetherness.

Nowhere else have I felt the peace that I feel among the pines or on the shore of Gregg Lake.

It is not for my pleasure that I wish this peace to exist undisturbed. I've benefited from the lessons, experienced the fulfillment. It is for the countless young people who may be in summer homes around the lake, expanding their own knowledge of life. It is for the families who visit Antrim's wonderful town beach to swim, picnic, learn about boating, to enjoy life together. This

may be the only spot where they experience the beauty of nature, where they learn about peace; a peace that has nothing to do with wealth or might.

I am passionate about preserving our earth's resources and strongly advocate for exploration of efficient alternative energy. However, the majority of the potential energy produced by the proposed wind towers, will not benefit New Hampshire residents. We would be giving up too much for too little. Gregg Lake and its surrounds is not the place for the experiment of AWE.

Respectfully submitted,

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