

Good morning Ms. Monroe,

I'm writing to show support for the approval of the Antrim Wind Project. I'm a numbers and finance guy myself that happens to work in the environmental industry, and so I've always found the best way to evaluate any project or opportunity should be based on economics. Putting aside the conservation land that this project is permanently reserving, I support this project for the following reasons, to name a few:

- 1) The New Hampshire Electric Co-op has said themselves that they have some of the lowest electric rates in the region, and they have found it in their best interest to go ahead and agree contractually to purchase 25% of the energy produced from this system as it's in the best interest of their ratepayers. This represents approximately 4,000 homes that stand to benefit from cost-competitive and predictable energy rates.
- 2) Antrim Wind will become the #1 taxpayer to the town of Antrim by approximately double the 2nd highest taxpayer. The projected tax bill is \$324k in year 1 and \$8.5 million over 20 years.
- 3) Antrim Wind has agreed to make an annual contribution to the Antrim scholarship fund that will increase their annual budget by 25% to be used at their discretion.
- 4) This project will create 84 full time jobs during construction and 12 full time jobs during operations - this generates approximately \$53 million in economic benefit to the county and region.

Furthermore, looking into the future, wind energy projects are some of the lowest cost sources of new energy and highest tax paying entities in any community. The economic benefits provided by this project to the region could be repeated by other projects for the benefit of the state of NH.

Denying this project, which is well sited and incredibly economically beneficial would send a message to the rest of the industry that New Hampshire is simply not interested in both short and long-term economically beneficial opportunities.

This would be short-sighted for a state constantly looking for new tax revenue sources, and opportunities to support it's residents through reduced cost of living, high paying job growth, and a path for communities to generate new, significant sources of tax revenue to fund their budgets and community benefits.

Thank you for the time you've taken to read this - as a finance expert I believe unequivocally that this project is a win for the state, county and the town of Antrim.

Regards,

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