

Dear Ms Monroe & NH SEC Members,

I am a lifelong summer resident, owning with my family cottages at Gregg Lake, passed down from my Grandfather Diamond Maxwell of Henniker.

I strongly urge you to reject the application for these windmills, just as the prior application was rejected, for similar reasons. These machines are giant and will dominate what is currently an idyllic setting at the lake. Our need for electricity doesn't measure up to the value of Gregg Lake as a sanctuary for Antrim residents and all others who venture up our little road. If these monsters are built, the lake will remain, but never again be idyllic.

I live in Washington State. There are few lakes here. It is perhaps too simple to take the beauty of Gregg Lake, Willard Pond, and all southern NH lakes for granted. Your bounty is such that you may have come to consider it 'normal'. Living out here, always missing the lake – my true home – I wish to remind you to open your eyes to the damage that will be done if this project moves forward.

In the Columbia River Gorge, near my residence, we have thousands of windmills. They are majestic and awesome. I quite like them – in a proper setting. Wind farms on vast open expanses of otherwise unused, or farm lands, are appropriate. Where the Antrim Wind generators are proposed to be sited is anything but. I hope every one of you has seen these machines in person. These are not of the quaint Netherlands variety. I cannot emphasize how giant they are. I used to stand on the 'old bridge' and compete with my brothers, and later my son, to see who could throw a rock the farthest up into the beaver ponds. Those throws wouldn't make it but a small fraction of the way up one of these windmills. Put otherwise, that pontoon plane that used to live on the lake would have to be very careful flying up there....

I believe in land owners rights. The persistent folks behind this project have a right to dream about the electricity (read income stream) sure to be generated. The trouble is that this project does not only impact their land. It impacts everyone else's nearby land. And it impacts everyone's experience in visiting and making use of the beautiful public lands (the lakes). There is no acceptable 'mitigation' for something that is simply not suited to the location – not slightly changing generator siting; or donating a few thousand dollars to the town; or buying directly noise affected land – nothing can substitute for the reality, the fact, that everyone's enjoyment of the Gregg Lake area will be damaged for our lifetimes and beyond. Perhaps solar panels are an alternative that will limit the impacts to the land owners themselves.

Please take the responsible step to reject this project - again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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