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**To:** Monroe, Pamela  
**Subject:** RE: Docket 2015-02 - The Antrim Wind Energy LLC project

Ms. Monroe and Members of the Committee,

As I've continued my research and read the arguments presented from both sides on the Antrim Wind Energy LLC Project (SEC Docket 2015-02), I felt compelled to write to reaffirm my position of opposition to Walden Green Energy/ Eolian Renewable Energy/ Antrim Wind Energy's application to build a wind farm on the Tuttle Hill ridge in Antrim, NH. The committee was correct in denying the original application based on the aesthetic impact to the area, and this revised application is not materially different than the original. I implore the committee to vote against this project and again deny the application.

My family has been a part of the Antrim community (and paying taxes) for 41 years. Our property at 38 White Birch Point Road was constructed in 1912 and four generations have enjoyed the pristine waters of Gregg Lake and the surrounding area.

In addressing the aesthetic impact of the AWE project, Jack Kenworthy called it "a subjective issue," and project landscape architect David Raphael noted that, "If you are there for the view, then the effect [of turbines] on what you are doing is pretty high. If you are there to fish in a little cove and you don't care about a view, then the effect is pretty low." Mr. Kenworthy and Mr. Raphael are drastically underestimating the importance of the issue and the direct impact on those who call Gregg Lake home or frequent Gregg Lake to enjoy the outdoors. Willard Pond and Gregg Lake are not "little coves," and whether fishing or simply sitting on the beach relaxing, we care about the view and the preservation of a precious resource – undeveloped land.

Beyond the borders of Gregg Lake, through the shared sacrifice, dedication, and commitment of many to the preservation of land in Antrim, surrounding towns, and into Massachusetts, a large "super-preserve" has been created. The AWE project, sited in Antrim's Rural Conservation District, would fracture this preserve and diminish the value of what so many have worked to preserve.

I also stand in agreement with prior letters submitted by the White Birch Point Association and other residents in and around Gregg Lake who oppose the AWE project. Not only are we good stewards of Gregg Lake and its environs, but as was noted in previous testimony, White Birch Point has been identified as a location for historic recognition/ designation. And, as the testimony pointed out, once a location has been identified for historic recognition/ designation, it is afforded the same rights as an already designated historic location. The AWE project will have a direct negative impact on the aesthetics of Gregg Lake, an area and beautiful natural resource that members of the historic White Birch Point Association have preserved and protected for over 100 years.

Thank you for considering the input of my family and many, many others who oppose the AWE project. Future generations will thank us and thank you for preserving Tuttle Hill, Gregg Lake, Willard Pond, and other beautiful natural resources of Antrim, NH.

Respectfully (submitted electronically),

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