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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re:

Docket No. 2015-02, Antrim Wind Energy, LLC

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I have been asked by the Stoddard selectmen to clarify two points raised by the Town of Antrim's *Memorandum in Support of Issuance of a Certificate Subject to Conditions*, dated November 21, which we received on Monday November 28.

There seems to be some concern expressed on page 10 of the report "that the Stoddard selectmen did not hear the views of the Antrim Selectmen, Antrim Wind, or supporters of the project." As the Town Administrator for the Stoddard selectmen I did not receive any inquiries from the Antrim town office requesting to meet with the Stoddard selectmen. Had there been a request, they would have been welcomed.

I did receive a phone call from their attorney, Justin Richardson, who called me in support of the project. He explained how the project would benefit Stoddard by supporting the schools and the county, in addition to Antrim. I informed Attorney Richardson that Stoddard is in a different County and has it's own school district. It was made clear that Stoddard would not receive any measurable benefit from the Antrim Wind Project, other than a great view of it. Attorney Richardson then suggested that possibly there could be something financial the developer could do to benefit Stoddard which might help the selectmen to decide where they should place their support, for or against the project. This conversation was informal and nothing was committed to by either of us. Attorney Richardson suggested meeting with the Stoddard selectmen to continue the discussion. We await his call back to us to schedule the meeting.

I mention this to illustrate that anybody from Antrim can meet with us to discuss anything. Only one person from Antrim, who opposed the project, met with us. The lack of a formal invitation from the Stoddard Conservation Commission to the Antrim selectmen for a meeting with the Stoddard selectmen seems to be very minor issue. I had made it clear to the Stoddard selectmen I was waiting for a reply from their attorney for a meeting. As for the financial benefits cited in the opening page, they do not include Stoddard in any way as was explained.

I hope that the Committee will not see the Stoddard selectmen as being recalcitrant. They were, and still are, waiting for the Antrim selectmen and/or their attorney to call back to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

James Coffey, Town Administrator

cc: Town of Antrim