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Dear Ms Monroe and members of the SEC committee

I am a long term resident of Antrim living in the shadow of Tuttle Mountain on Old Pound Road. I am writing to express my significant concerns about the proposed Antrim windmill project now before the SEC. I hope it is not too late for my input to be considered. My husband, who is a life-long resident and I build our home in the late 80's, we chose our location for its rural character, privacy, peace and quiet, to enjoy the wildlife and wooded and marsh terrain. We cleared our backyard specifically to have a view of the ridge. If this project moves forward I will view the windmills from my kitchen window, my deck and screened porch essentially the full back side of my home.

Each day I walk my dog 2-3 miles down Old Pound Road and Craig Road. The 1st ½ mile I view the vista of the ridge and then follow beneath its line. As I walk, rarely do I meet any traffic or hear any noise except for the sounds of running water by the brooks and marsh. I listen to the peepers in the spring and the sounds of the duck and other birds. Old Pound Road is designated by the Town and under NH State law as a scenic road. The intent is for it to be preserved for its scenic value. The windmills will be seen not only by those who live and walk on the road, but also by those who travel the route by car, bike, or foot to enjoy this scenic route. It is a route that also leads to the back side of Gregg Lake. Due to their height these windmills will be grossly disproportionate to the height of the ridge.

My concern in this regard, is to the aesthetic loss of beauty, the potential of increased noise that is unnatural to this environment which will destroy a quality of life for those impacted, of which there is a significant number. When this project previously was before the SEC it was voted down specifically for the aesthetic issues. There is no significant change to what is now being proposed. Gregg Lake is a major recreational location, for those that live there or those using the beach and water, the impact will be significant and detrimental until the windmills are removed. There is no remedy they are offering that will ever mitigate the aesthetic impact.

As a real estate agent, I can assure you no one will choose to purchase a lake view property with a view of these windmills. The last time this project was before the SEC potential buyers of 2 properties I had listed would not even consider purchase of these properties until the project was turned down. Needless to say they moved on to other locations.

I think we all agree there is a need for alternative sources of energy and a decrease in fossil fuel use. However, the alternatives and types for each location need to be fully evaluated. In the large scale of things, this is a relatively small project to justify the huge footprint it will impact on in the rural conservation district that traverses from route 9 to Hancock. This area was never intended for commercial development nor is it allowed. The land has been held in current use specifically to discourage development and to enhance the preservation of the land. These land owners have reaped the advantage of the reduced taxes for all these years.

The State of NH really needs to first incentivize and support the local communities and citizens to reduce our energy and support projects that directly benefit the State, our citizens and

communities, not by promoting support to commercial ventures that are motivated by only by profit.

It also needs to be clarified if assumed, the majority of the Town supports this project. There was never a referendum done by the Town to assess the community support. The closest to that was the last commercial wind ordinance proposed by a community petition. This ordinance, clearly if examined, was taken directly from the proposed business agreement that Eolian created and had already signed with the Town. It was generally thought they advised in the writing of this ordinance. This ordinance was soundly defeated, reflecting the lack of community support of for this project, as well as an overall distrust of this company.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this letter. I hope you will deny the application for this project.

Sincerely, Janet McEwen

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