

December 7, 2016

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

Re: SEC Docket #2015-02 – Antrim Wind

Dear Honorable Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the above referenced matter.

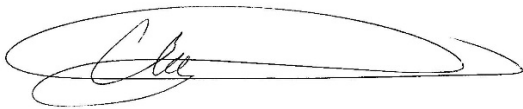
Having reviewed the prior application and the extensive deliberations and review on matters related to aesthetic impacts, I do not envy the difficult decision the Committee faces. That said, the fact remains that wind will always be a delicate balance between New Hampshire's stated goals for deploying domestic clean energy and the localized impacts resulting from such facilities.

Since the prior application, it appears that the applicant has successfully mitigated the visual impacts associated with the project through a comprehensive mitigation package and direct changes in the facility itself. Modifying the turbines and removing the most impacting turbine from the project appears to have addressed the concern related to an "unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics" as required by the siting statutes here in New Hampshire. NH RSA 162-H:16(IV)(c).

As I said, I do not envy the challenge the committee faces, but given the mitigation efforts undertaken by the applicant, the project may still have an aesthetic impact but given the committee's work and the modifications provided by the applicant, these impacts no longer appears to be unreasonable.

I urge the committee to consider this when balancing the overall goals of objectives for our State's future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Mitchell", enclosed within a large, horizontal, oval-shaped scribble.

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